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THAT HAT.

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I had a hat of antique style,
Its brim was much the worse for wear;
But yet I wore it all the while,
And heeded not the haughty stare
Of those who recently passed me by,
Or turned to view it as they passed;
I bore it all without a sigh—
'Twas wondrous how that hat did last.

My friends, in nicely worded hints,
Proposed that I should cast aside
This rather-broken garment, since
It ill became a man of pride;
But firm as adamant I stood,
Unmoved by any thought of fear;
The hat, I said, was very good,
And ought to last me all the year.

As months rolled by the summer came on,
With foliage of brightest hue,
My hat was faded, pale and wan,
The crown had worn entirely through
My friends all ceased all gentle hints,
And swore they never yet had seen
A man who might dress like a prince
Who wore a hat that looked so mean.

Then came the time of gentle spring;
The balmy breezes came and found
My former friends all vanishing,
My pride dethroned my hat uncrowned
And she for whom I would have died,
And had so often dyed my hair,
Recoiled in horror from my side,
And vanished into vacant air.

Men stared each other in the face,
The woman stared upon my hat
And vaguely hinted some disgrace,
While consolation, brooding, sat
Upon the brows of those I owed;
Their anger bills came pouring in;
They thought me on the downward road,
And mourned o'er what I might have been

But when the summer came again
A wondrous change came o'er my head,
I walked erect with other men,
Like one arisen from the dead.
I own the old hat wasn't near
As stylish as the new; but yet
I wore that hat throughout the year,
And, what is more, *I won the bet.*

DARCY'S CHILD;

OR,

THE DUKE'S CHOICE.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "SYBIL'S INHERITANCE," "EVELYN'S PLOT," ETC., ETC.

CHAPTER XXXI.

Stern, reared scorn, thy rigid lore
With patience many a year she bore;
What sorrow was thou bad'st her know,
And from her soul canst banish now.

"Ha! duke! is it possible? What a singular meeting!" was the exclamation that greeted the ears of Clinton St. Maur as he sauntered carelessly along the alleys of the Jardin des Plantes, rather from mechanical instinct than any real intention of viewing the collection of animals that inhabit those rival gardens to the famed "Zoo."

He turned at the familiar voice to meet the kindly though somewhat wasted face of Sir Henry Greville, who had evidently but partially received from his recent accident, for he walked feebly, and leaned on the arm of a man servant, whom we may as well at once introduce as our old friend Sanders.

"I am truly rejoiced to meet you, Sir Henry," responded the duke, warmly grasping the proffered hand, "and in such improved circumstances in comparison with your position when we parted."

"Yes, I was in rather an evil case then," laughed the baronet, gaily, "but thanks to Ida here, and the good care of my doctor, I am all right again, except a little feebleness in strength, which detect mends every day. But which way are you going?"

"It matters little to me; I was just thinking of leaving the gardens," returned Clinton.

"All right; we are only going to pay another visit to these respectable householders," said Sir Henry, "one of whom, a most venerable and historic baboon, Sanders here tells us has been in these gardens for the last sixteen or more years, and he had originally been the pet plaything of the poor little Darcy who was burnt to death in the Grange."

"But I thought the creature was burnt also," said the duke; "such was the tale told to me."

"And generally believed," replied Sir Henry; "but Sanders, who, you perhaps do not know, was a servant at the Grange, has tested the creature's identity well. It had been rumored that he escaped and was seen wandering hopelessly about, and, as it seems now, was captured and sold to the proprietors of the Jardin, where he has remained ever since."

"Pray, how is the romantic tale vouched for?" observed Clinton, rather sardonically.

"Very easily, your grace," replied Sanders, to whom the remark was in a measure addressed. "The brute had a silver collar, on which the initials of Sir Robert Darcy were engraved; but, in addition to that, he had been stamped, half in sport, half for precaution, by the name he bore—it was Rogo. The little girl used to lisp out 'Rogue' when she played with him, and Sir Robert, in consequence, had the name of Rogo given to him."

"We will go and see the creature," said Sir Henry. "Will you give Ida your arm, St. Maur?"

The duke did as requested, and the pair insensibly fell into the lead of the slower pace of the invalid and his attendant.

"I need not ask whether your domestic peace is restored, dear Lady Greville," said the duke, as they walked on.

"You might rather inquire if I am not ashamed that it was ever disturbed," she replied, penitently. "It is but a just penance that I should confess my folly and wicked jealousy to you, who witnessed its injustice. I have found out the truth and goodness of that poor, injured girl, and only long to make reparation for the wrongs I did her."

"Then Sir Henry explained all, did he?" asked the duke, eagerly.

"He left me everything—his own kindly desire to shield an unprotected girl, his frank expression of regard to her, and her noble, unaffected, truthful response. Ay, and what gives me even more confidence in him, duke, he confessed that for the moment there was an estrangement between us; but he loves me better than ever now, because I have confessed myself to be so weak and wrong. And in his long illness I have become, I hope, more worthy of him, and not so giddy, and gay, and thoughtless as I once was."

"And she! What of her? Would you venture to give her your protection again, Lady Greville?" asked the duke, listening with a pang of remorse to his companion's revelations.

"Heaven grant that I may have it in my power to atone for my injustice to her, my foolish-ness to my trust: but till Henry is strong again I shall be unable to make my search for her, and she disappeared completely after Dr. Moore's death."

"Perhaps we may succeed in discovering her, my dear Lady Greville," returned the duke, evasively; "but see—I suppose that is the 'historic monster?' as Sir Henry calls him."

They paused before the large grating in which the monkey tribe found their abode. There, in a division by himself, sat the patriarchal form of the poor little Darcy, apparently reduced by time or misfortune, for his face wore a strangely grave, subdued expression, and his huge form was half concealed by the crouching attitude he assumed.

"That is really the very brute himself!" said the baronet, curiously surveying the baboon.

"There is but the slightest doubt of it, Sir Henry. I would swear to every mark of the animal, and he was no common fellow, as you could see by his size if he were to stand up," said Sanders, determinately.

The man was right. It was indeed an object never to be forgotten, and there was something in the baboon's whole appearance that would have excited a strange interest in the mind of the most indifferent spectator; but the inspection was a brief one, as the baronet's decided guilty to fatigue, and their carriage drove off after he had exchanged a few words with the duke. Clinton himself strolled leisurely towards the house inhabited by Sir Ralph, in pursuance of his daily habit at that hour. But never, perhaps, had the duty been more irksome of paying his homage to one he loathed, while his heart was rapidly preparing to bid farewell to happiness (he free and unbiased choice of his true tastes and sympathies.

"Heaven help me!" was the aspiration of his thoughts, and enable me to preserve honor and duty unstained. It knows the truth of my inmost feelings, it can bear witness that rank and wealth had nothing in the balance which influenced me, and it rends my heart when I declare in its sight that I would have hid my coronet and wealth at the feet of Rosalind Tyrell had I been sure that she was innocent and truly my own, even though her birth had been lowly and obscure as the daughter of that handsman to whom I once believed her to owe her birth."

Even as these thoughts passed through his mind he reached the mansion where Sir Ralph Darcy had taken up his abode; and, shaking off with an effort the unwelcome memories that clouded his brain, the young man detailed himself of his privilege as an accepted suitor and, entering the house, passed up the stairs without the formal ceremonial of an announcement.

"Is Miss Darcy in her morning room?" was all that was necessary for him to ask, and scarcely pausing at the door of the suite, he turned the handle and entered the apartment.

It was inhabited certainly, and by one fair and well-nigh as young as Geraldine Darcy. A figure, tall and graceful, a face more expressive and intellectual than the heiress of Sir Ralph, met his astonished vision, and with a proud but graceful courtesy Rosalind Tyrell advanced slightly towards him.

"Miss Darcy has just retired to her room," she said, coldly. "I have been the unfortunate messenger of evil tidings. Her mother is dead, and on me devolved the task of breaking the news to her daughter; but I will tell her your grace is here, and that will be her best consolation."

She was hastily retreating to the inner apartment, but Clinton stopped her.

"One moment, Miss Tyrell," he said, sadly; give me, at least, a brief chance of asking your pardon for my injurious suspicions, my unwarrantable cruelty to you. I know now some, at least, of the truth. Let me make this poor atonement, Rosalind—will you accept it? Can you pardon me for my hateful, selfish jealousy and injustice?"

There was a tremulous passion in his tone that gave additional force to his words, and they went warm and strong to the inmost heart of her to whom they were addressed.

"There can be no pardon where there is no equality," she said, with proud gentleness. "Your grace was, no doubt, fully justified in your treatment of one whose obscure position could command no respect at your hands."

"Say, rather, that it should have thrown a sacred shield over you," exclaimed Clinton, utterly unmanned by the gentle reproach. "I have but one excuse, Rosalind—it was my jealous, ungovernable love for you that made me so bitterly cruel. Rosalind you must have seen it; you must know that from the first hour that I saw you in Conigre Wood you have been my heart's free and lasting choice."

"My lord duke, this is an insult I could scarcely have expected in the house of Sir Ralph Darcy from the affianced of his daughter," said the girl, drawing back towards the door, which she had hitherto abstained from opening.

"Not so, not so, Rosalind. Geraldine herself—sweet, unselfish violet that she is—will vindicate me from that aspersion. Again and again has she charged me with this impeachment and urged me to indulge the real aspirations of my heart. Even but a few hours since she declared that, if I found you as stainless as she in her beautiful innocence believed, no power should induce her to occupy the place that the instincts of love and sympathy assigned to another. It is true, Rosalind; she herself would clear my honor in your sight were it needful."

"He is right. You can believe him. He is true and good," said a sweet, plaintive voice. "Thank Heaven, I have not divided two so formed for each other—so worthy of the love they have won."

Geraldine Darcy had opened the door between the apartments so gently that neither of the engrossed tenants had been aware of her coming. As she stood there, so white and fragile and so wan in her resignation to the sorrow that was yet crushing her beneath its weight, Rosalind's tears burst forth in loving sympathy.

"No, no, it cannot be," she said. "You are far more worthy than I am, dearest Geraldine. You are simply an angel in your sweet unselfishness and humility. Duke of St. Maur, you cannot permit this!"

"Hush, hush—it must be," said Geraldine, calmly. "I can feel it all now. I should not have been happy, and he would be wretched. It may be that only a few months—perhaps weeks—are left to me on this earth, either for lover or friends; but, if it is Heaven's will to spare me, I cannot change my resolve. I will never be Clinton's wife, for I am not his heart's choice. You call me humble," she said, with a sad smile, "but you see, I am strengthen me in what you know to be right, and let my poor mother's fate teach you what is my safety for the future."

Clinton hastily advanced.

"Not so, Geraldine. Do me more justice than to fear harshness or neglect from me. Your happiness shall be my first and dearest care, till death parts us. Once more I place my fate in your hands. In the presence of her whom you deem your rival I will swear to cherish and guard you; and never, if you so desire, will I see her more. It is your right, and, Heaven help me, it shall be done to you."

"Noble and good—true as steel!" repeated Geraldine, sadly. "I am glad—so glad, that I have not been deceived in you, Clinton. I need not be ashamed of my love, even when it is subdued into sister-a tenderness. Rosalind, you are worthy of him. Make him far happier than I could have done, then my sacrifice will not be in vain."

With an almost solemn gesture she took the girl's hand and led her to her lover. For a moment their hands and eyes met, then Rosalind sprang away.

"No, no, no," she said, "not thus. It can be only when all is clear and unclouded that I can ever be the betrothed of any man, least of all the Duke of St. Maur. Till then he is as free as if I had never crossed his path."

CHAPTER XXXII.

Vain, transitory splendors could not all
Reprieve the tottering mansion from its fall.
Obscure it sinks.

"Lady Beatrice Darcy—your new mother—Geraldine." Such was the presentation which was made to the stunned and bewildered girl on the day but one after the revelation of her own sweet parent's death.

"Papa, it is impossible! You could not be so cruel!" she said, feebly. "Poor mamma died so soon—"

"This is simple nonsense, Geraldine. Your 'poor mamma,' as you call her, has been virtually dead to me and to you for years, and she who has filled her place is now worthily promoted to it. I expect of you the honor and obedience which she deserves."

"Papa, I will try; but it is so cruel, so sudden that I cannot promise," replied the girl, with unusual firmness. "To me, at least, my dear mother is sacred."

"Well, you can do as you please when you are the Duchess of St. Maur, and the sooner that result is achieved the better it will be for all of us," returned the baronet, impatiently. "It is quite enough that I have been plagued with a simpleton of a wife and a puling girl as an heiress for all these years. If I can help it, the penance shall not be repeated, and if I should have an heir, you much repent missing your chance of a dukedom, foolish child."

"She may spare herself all such perplexities," said a stern voice; "from this moment she shall not be exposed to any alternative that may not be in accordance with her gentle nature. Miss Darcy—or, as I may surely call my niece, Geraldine—dear child, retire. There are matters to be discussed unfit for your young and innocent ears."

Ralph Darcy had stood in blank, speechless astonishment at the unexpected entrance of the speaker into the library where he had summoned his young daughter after his hasty and secret wedding. It was a form, a voice he had trusted never to see or hear again—the figure and the tone of his injured brother, of him on whom he had heaped neglect and wrong and slander to the very death, as he thought.

"Marcus!" broke from his pale lips. "I thought you were dead!"

"I doubt not that you hoped it, and it is no thanks to your forbearance that I am here," said his brother, sternly. "But of this more hereafter. Let this fair child be spared the shame that is not hers, the pain she has not deserved. Leave us, my child. You shall not be kept long in suspense; and believe that happier days and tender love are still in store for you."

He took her hand and led her to the door, then touched her brow with his lips, while Ralph still preserved a dark and gloomy silence without interfering with his brother's movements. There was a gentle command in the manner of Marcus that almost awed the astonished girl into obedience, and she slowly and unresistingly left the room.

"Ralph," said the strange visitor, "are you prepared for the account you have to render to me for all your evil doings? or, rather, are you prepared for the retribution which your sins against Heaven will bring on your head? for the vengeance which the blood of your mother's son calls for from the grave?"

"On you, on you!" came hoarsely from Ralph's whitened lips; "you are the guilty one, Marcus." It is on you that the suspicion and the shame rest. You know it, or why have you hidden your very name for long years past?"

"Because you aggravated your own sins by casting them on my head," said Marcus. "Peace, Ralph, peace! Are you so utterly lost to all that has either fear or remorse as to persist in this bravado? You know the truth; I am prepared to prove it."

"It is impossible—impossible! You cannot! It is false! I shall severely raise!" exclaimed Ralph, shakingly.

"It is Heaven's truth, Ralph Darcy! Now hear what I have to say, and if you do not provoke me you shall, for the sake of our common name, our mother's memory, be spared publicity and punishment. Need I recall the past—need I remind you of the sinful plotting and the daring crime which murdered your father's son and fired the abode of your ancestors in which the infant heiress lay; need I recall your cruelty to the one slave where the treasures lay, lest they should be divided between us as his heirs; need I speak of the cruel deceit that won a gentle girl for an unloved wife, the harshness and unfaithfulness she suffered at your hands, and the slow murder which brought her to an early grave? I have said nothing of myself, of your treachery, your murderous attempt on my life. The catalogue of your sins is black enough without such an addition."

"False, false!—an infamous fabrication to obtain wealth and regain your position in society," said Ralph, gathering courage from despair. "Who will believe it? and what good could it do you, unless indeed your slander removed me from your way and left Darcy to your possession? That is your aim, I suppose?"

"Darcy Manor and its broad lands will never be mine, and they are not yours now, Ralph," said Marcus, coolly.

"Not mine! You are mad! Robert left no will, and even if he had I am the natural heir of all the estates. This is on a piece with your other mad slanders. I presume your brain has suffered in your seclusion," said the baronet, with a vain attempt at a sneer.

"I might well have been driven to such extremity, and had it not been for an angel's presence in my dwelling such would, perhaps, have been the case," replied Marcus, calmly. "But I am as sane as—ay, and perhaps more so than yourself, Ralph, since I fain would hope your brain had been fevered with avarice and ambition till you were not master of yourself. Robert left no will, but, Ralph—mark me—he left a daughter!"

"A child! why, there was but one—Amine—and she perished," gasped Ralph.

"She did not perish; she was saved almost by a miracle, through the instinct and courage of a faithful brute," said Marcus, solemnly. "Ralph, do you remember the strange favorite of the child, and Robert's indulgence of her whim that always wished that monster baboon at her side? It was to his agility and strength, under the providence of Heaven, that Amine Darcy owed her life and you the freedom from her young blood on your hands and your conscience. Ralph, Ralph! even now there may be mercy for you! Seek it on your knees and make what atonement you can by frank confession of your sins and restitution of the ill-gotten wealth of the orphan."

"Pray where did you learn this wonderful tale, and where does this fair impostor live and has been reared?" said Ralph, though the sudden pallor of his face and the tremor of limb, which he could not conceal, told plainly the truth he would not in words confess.

"The proofs are abundant and full. The real heiress of Darcy has been brought up, as a strange coincidence, by myself in total ignorance of her real birth. It was not till a few hours since that I knew the truth. Amine Darcy and Rosalind Tyrell are one and the same, even as Walter Tyrell and Maurice Darcy were identical."

"A very nice arrangement, of course. Having brought up some beggar child as your own, you now want to palm her off as the heiress of poor Robert. Really, Marcus, it is too transparent a sham!"

"Hush, Ralph, hush!" said the trembling Beatrice, who had not yet even moved from the seat to which she appeared to have been riveted by the stirring horror of the scene. "At least let there be no aggravation of this misery."

"Silence, woman, silence! I have a right to command you now, and you may rest assured it shall be exercised!" thundered Ralph. "You have seen my treatment of one wife; you had better not provoke similar harshness at my hands! Marcus, what is your next move in this amusing game?"

"Are you stubborn in your refusal? will you drive me to prove by the evidence I have obtained, these wretched truths?" asked Marcus, sadly.

"I certainly shall not yield up a noble heritage and confess imaginary crimes to please a degraded brother and a base-born impostor!" said Ralph, fiercely. "I defy you, Marcus, to the teeth! We have ever been foes; we are so still!"

A look of pain passed over the fine though haggard features of the *ci-devant* Walter Tyrell, but it was soon replaced by a stern indignation.

"Bad man! you tempt your fate!" he said, gravely. "I wash my hands of the misery and disgrace you have challenged!"

Then, walking to the door, he opened it, and tapped three times on the floor with a cane.

In a few seconds the sound of rapid footsteps was heard ascending the staircase, and ere Ralph had time even to change the position he had taken up by his newly made wife, two or three figures were in the apartment. All were familiar faces to him, save perhaps one who remained within shelter of the heavy velvet curtains which hung over the door, and the last quailed under the conviction which their presence brought with it of his utter ruin and despair. Sanders' triumphant smile, Marston's grim look of satisfaction, and Rosalind Tyrell's sweet though half-timid happiness, were each and all mute evidences of the certainty of their success, and Ralph Darcy turned, like a tiger at bay.

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"Ashes of your kindling, Ralph Darcy!" exclaimed Sanders, sternly. "I should think my being here in company with your brother and niece might silence all your foolish rant and bravado. However, there are proofs that are quite independent of me. Your dead wife furnished the evidences of your guilt—a guilt which slowly brought her to the grave. Miss Darcy, be so kind as to deliver to your Uncle Marcus in this presence the charge intrusted to you by Lady Darcy."

The girl timidly advanced, and nestled as it were to the side of her elderly loved and accepted father.

"They are here," she said. "Lady Darcy gave them in love for the soul of her husband—as an atonement for his deeds. There is a half-burst powder-pouch which has the name of Ralph Darcy stamped on it, which was found by her in the ruins of the wing which was not rebuilt when she went to the Grange. Here is a letter received by him on the very morning of the fire, which seems to have been read in order to light the wood where the powder was laid, and thrown aside in haste; and a pocket book which belonged to him, full of bank-notes with the name of Robert Darcy and the same fatal date of that night written on the back. She told me with her dying breath that she had herself found these traces of her husband's presence at the spot where the fire began on that night, and spoke of his visit to the Grange. She told me also a few short minutes before her spirit passed away, that she had again and again heard the terrible scene acted over again by her husband in his sleeping hours. Uncle," the child, pleadingly appealing few paces from Sir Ralph Darcy, "I do not, pardon me, for it is a vow to the dead which forces this revelation, and no one else need ever hear the wretched truth."

A half-smothered imprecation burst from between his set teeth.

"This is all of a piece," he said, bitterly. "Having heard this wild raving of a diseased mind, be so good as to prove, if you can, the absurd tale of the escape of my brother's child from a fire where all perished save this astra-ction individual," he said, glaring at Marston's scarred features.

"I can swear to that," said the woman, coming to the spot where Rosalind stood, and exhibiting a parcel which she hastily untied. "Look here, Ralph Darcy, these are the clothes in which I myself dressed Amine Darcy for the night when I placed her in her bed some few hours ere the fire broke out. There is the little night-dress, with my own mark of her initials in an almost invisible corner, for I prided myself in those days on my skill in embroidering, so that human eyes could scarcely discern the letters. Here is the very rent of the faithful animal's teeth in the sleeve of the little garment, and it corresponds with the marks on this young lady's arm, which first excited my suspicions as to her parentage."

She bared the left arm of Rosalind Tyrell as she spoke, and pointed to the remarkable scar that the Duke of St. Maur had seen when he dressed the wound in Conigre Wood.

"See," continued the woman, "here, but a few inches below those friendly fang marks, is the scar of the bullet she received to save your daughter's life. False, perjured, ungrateful man, are you so hardened in iniquity as to persist in this deceit—to share the consequences of your resistance to these certain evidences of the truth?"

"One moment, my good Marston, and I will supply the link of the chain ere my brother decides on his course," said Marcus, calmly. "It was on that fatal night when I lost wife and child, and was wandering like a maniac from the scene of my wretchedness, that I discovered this dear girl lying on the mountain side, cold and terrified and alone, with only this garment and her tiny pocket to cover her delicate limbs from the chill air. I looked on her as a gift from Heaven to save me from madness, and, so soon as I became convinced that I was not robbing some distracted parents of their darling, I gladly accepted her as my own. When in after years her singular resemblance to our race attracted my notice, I only deemed it a strange freak of nature, which rather favored the belief that she was my own child. Ralph, there is no doubt of the truth. Let even the mute, senseless brute plead for the instincts of nature and reason and remorse in your heart. Eustace!"

As he spoke Eustace Downes came forward, leading by a chain the strange looking monster that had played so apparent a veil nigh crushed the stirring horror of the scene. "At least let there be no aggravation of this misery."

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CHARLES MAJILTON, of the Majilton Family,

Grotesque Pantomimic Dancer and Hat Spinner. For Biography See Page 396.

myself in your eyes. Before I even saw her, whom I must still call Miss Tyrell, my fancy had been caught, my sympathies interested by your young niece, and the struggle that ensued between my real heart's choice and the claims of her whom I had in a degree already attempted to win was constant and heart-rending in my mind. Then came the slanders, the apparent unworthiness of my worshipped idol, and, to be candid, I tried to believe what would make my duty less painful. That is the simple truth. Weak and unworthy as you may deem me, I am not shielding myself by subterfuge from your condemnation."

"I do believe you, duke," was the frank response; "but then what security can you have that the same conduct may not recur were you to bind yourself to an obscure unknown, when hundreds of fair and noble girls would gladly accept your hand?"

"Were a princess of the blood to court my acceptance in preference to Rosalind, I would not hesitate," exclaimed the Duke, enthusiastically. "She is the very idol of my heart; on her I would deem it an honor to lavish every luxury, every adornment that wealth can purchase, every honor that rank can bestow. Mr. Darcy, do not try me further. If you really do credit me, if you can accept the most solemn assurance of my heart, you may trust to me your lovely, peerless ward. She shall be sheltered from the very winds of heaven by my care—every sorrow that I cannot avert shall be lightened by my sympathy and love—every happiness that mortal can command shall be showered in her path. Mr. Darcy, I crave the hand of Rosalind Tyrell as the very choicest boon you can bestow. Will you give it me? will you trust me with so great a treasure?"

"I cannot," replied Marcus, calmly.

"You cannot! Then you do not believe me, or she does not love me," said Clinton, despondingly.

"Pardon me, Duke. I do believe you, and as to my foster-daughter herself I must leave it to her to say what her sentiments on the subject may be. But the simple fact is that the only ward over whom I have any power is my niece Amine Darcy, and unless you are inclined to accept her as your bride, I am very much afraid you will have to look in another quarter for a wife."

"Mr. Darcy, I do not deserve idle jests," said the Duke, proudly. "I have spoken candidly and truly as a man of honor and a true lover should, and if that cannot satisfy you I must appeal to Rosalind herself. From her, at least, I may expect justice and consideration, whether or not I can win pardon and favor from her gentle heart."

"My dear Duke, I never was more serious. Rosalind Tyrell has left me forever, and if you wish to learn her sentiments I can only refer you to Amine Darcy, who has, I know, the very fullest knowledge of her friend's real feelings. Amine!" he called loudly, "Amine, my dear child, come and relieve me from this very suspicious and unreasonable suitor for my ward."

The door opened slowly, timidly. Clinton's eyes were riveted in half-indignant doubt on its hinges as they turned to admit her on whom his fate seemed so strangely to depend. There was a frown on his brow, but a troubled disappointment in his eyes during that brief suspense, but the next moment his features changed to the most rapturous astonishment as his worshipped Rosalind, his own idolised choice, his long coveted love came with a hesitating step and downcast eyes into the room.

"There, Duke, you said but now that you would not accept a princess in the place of Rosalind Tyrell. You must plead your own cause with Amine, heiress and only child of the deceased Sir Robert Darcy, and it may be that you will be casuist enough to persuade her that you are not altogether perjured by entreating for her hand. As to the heart, that is a matter in which old fathers and uncles have no concern."

Taking Amine's hand in his, he placed it in the delighted grasp of Clinton St. Maur and hurried from the room. Perhaps even at that distance of time their lover's happiness recalled to Marcus Darcy too painfully the days of his sweet courtship of his own long-lost but still loved Blanche. It was some three months after these singular events that a bridal party stood in the fine old abbey church which had witnessed the weddings and burials of the Darcys for many a generation; but never had it seen a fairer daughter of the ancient home at its altar, and never a more devoted bridegroom than Amine Darcy and Clinton, Duke of St. Maur!—nor a pair more trustfully confident of future happiness and peace!

There was a large circle of friends and retainers of the families on either side to grace the nuptials of the whilom huntsman's daughter.

Sir Henry and Lady Greville, the Earl and Countess of Mont Aspen, the Prince of Monaco, and the Countess Vesiade were specially bidden, among the friends of the bride. But no singular figure among the group attracted the attention of every eye and provoked the smiles of the younger among the party.

It was Rogo, the baboon, graced by a gold collar and chain, which was held by Eustace Downes, and, with a white favor placed round his neck by the fair hands of the bride, sat in grave and decorous contemplation of the bridal of her whom he had saved long years before from a frightful death, and by whom he was henceforth to be restored to his old home for the few remaining days of his aged and honored life.

Geraldine Darcy was the bridesmaid-in-chief of her fair cousin. In happy ignorance of her father's guilt, and lovingly cherished by a care and affection she had never before known, the young girl had somewhat regained the delicate bloom and something of the happiness that had once been, however sparingly, shining on her young life.

As Dudley Vyvian stood beside her in the bridal train, his eyes intuitively glanced from her to the lovely cousin, to whom there was a slight kindred resemblance, though so wide a dissimilarity existed in the character and the expression of the features.

"Miss Darcy," he said, in a low, soft tone, as they walked from the church, "will you pardon me if I venture to betray the knowledge which gives a kind of sympathy to our fate and feelings? You were once the betrothed of St. Maur; I worshipped his bride. Ah, if I dared but hope that in time, when the past is well nigh forgotten and I have proved myself worthier of a good woman's love than I was in other days, if I dare but look forward, however distantly, to the prospect of winning the gentle and noble woman of my heart's first choice—it would be a bright stimulus to my progress in all that is unselfish and true. Can you give me this hope, Geraldine?"

The girl did not reply, but somehow Lord Dudley did not need words to answer his question, and when the bride and her husband had departed he sought Marcus Darcy to demand from him his sanction to the hopes thus held out to him by his young niece.

"Lord Dudley," said the man tried and subdued uncle of the two fair cousins, "I have myself learnt wisdom and patience in long and severe adversity, and I can safely let my consent to Geraldine's engagement hang on your own self-imposed ordeal. I have lost wife and child, suffered under an unjust imputation and clouded name, I have been marked out for death, and only saved by a kind of miracle from the consequences of a foul and cruelly planned murder, yet I can look back on my early youth and see that my nature needed such sharp discipline to subdue the recklessness and pride and hard selfishness which seem to be the heritage of my race. The heiress of Darcy has been trained in a like school, but your chosen bride has as yet known a little of love and tenderness, though she has displayed the germs of a nobler nature in her relinquishment of her claims on St. Maur's hand, and her sweet and gentle love for his real choice, my own sweet adopted child. In a year from this time, if you still desire Geraldine's hand, and prove worthy of her love, I will give her to you as freely as I have this day yielded up Amine Darcy to her noble lover. Will this content you?"

Vyvian was fain to submit to the ordeal proposed, and Geraldine herself deemed nothing better than to live for the interval under the care and wise training of the noble uncle who had, though childless, so well prepared for her future honors Darcy's long lost child. A short week after the bridal of Clinton and Amine the name of Darcy again figured in the public prints, though in a far different manner from the brilliant descriptions of the wedding of the heiress.

"We regret to record the frightfully sudden death of Sir Ralph and Lady Beatrice Darcy while on their way to Italy and Switzerland for a prolonged tour. The noble pair were suddenly caught in one of the terrific thunderstorms which are common in the Alps, the carriage in which they traveled was struck by a tremendous flash of lightning, and, as is evident from subsequent examination, they were literally scorched to death on the instant. The coachman was insensible for a few minutes, but rallied, while the other servants escaped almost miraculously without injury."

Such was the fate of the guilty plotters who had worked such evil to their nearest of kin, and Marcus and his adopted child, in the awful punishment that indicted, humbly recognized the hand of Heaven, which in its own time overrules the pass of the wicked, and claims vengeance as its own peculiar right.

THE END.

FINED FORTY-THREE TIMES.—A few days since a painter, named Peter Murdock, was arraigned before a Memphis magistrate for wife beating. During his examination the defendant suggested that the magistrate should go to a warmer climate, from whence no man has ever returned. Upon the magistrate remonstrating with him, he again repeated it, this time using several profane adjectives by way of emphasis.

"I will fine you ten dollars for contempt of court, sir," said the good justice.

"Fine and be ——," retorted this profane Peter.

"I will fine you ten dollars again, sir," remarked the dignified squire.

"Will you? I don't care how much you fine," yelled Peter.

"Another ten dollars fine for that," says the moral magistrate.

"O, it, old gray-headed ish. You will never get a cent." howled the brave pugilist as he shook his fist within a few inches of the nasal organ of the magistrate, in this way it went on until Peter had been fined forty-three times, when the daring constable collared him and marched him off to the jail, with a $430 fine over him. Considerable money will be required by Peter to liberate himself from the unpleasant position which he now occupies. Mrs. Murdock will not, in all probability, be annoyed with her lord and master for many moons.

A WIFE OF AFFLICTION.—A marriage certificate.

HEARTH AND HOME.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY JACK STRAW.

As I sped from the shore on the steamer,
As I passed through the streets of old York,
Perhaps 'twas because I'm a dreamer,
But I longed for a home and New York.
When in Bacon's grand Carnival I delight,
Where the devil is pulling his strings,
I long for the sunlight bowling alley
And the other delights of the Springs.

When the guide has just shown us the best points,
As we ride down the lovely old Rideau,
Then I think of our beautiful West Point,
Of the dashing cadets drilled in line.
As I glide in gondola through Venice,
As I roam through the ruins of Rome,
I think that the thought of all men is
Very often returning to home.

Ah! what strong, patriotic emotion
Is raised when I see on a sign,
When thousands of miles and an ocean
Sever me from the land that is mine,
When I read with feelings like sadness,
A little contaminated with fear,
When I read with jealous gladness,
"American drinks are sold here."

TALKING EVERY BLACK.—No. 14.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY DOPEY GOOFY.

Yes, indeed, dis vas March. March, der proud dead of shbring; bud nopody day vooda'd know id of day didn't look in der allmynick. Frosty, blowy, cold like der dooce und shnowy vedder; I dunk dot id ought to took a dumple to itself and shtob kicking eh. Dot yeds me in der mind of a nasdy, nosy, moled shnouded young lad dot vas just borned und vas fraid nopody vooda'd know dot mitoud he shqvealed und hollowered like a sick Kyeye. Didn'd you nefer seen you of dese sore eyed, sick kidden looking young vons dot vood kreb shdill for a veek, like a mouse, of you didn'd care of id made a noise or not, bud vood holler "bloody murder" in a shout or a shurch jusd as der vas vrongsed dime? I dunk you feel like firing id ound of der vindow? I bed you. I like babies, bless deir heards, so vell like anypody, und I like dis kind of vedder, bud I don'd like neider von ound of season. Of you seen a feller shooding off a back of fire crackers on Christmas morning, or hunging up his shdocking der night in frond of Pound of Jowly, you vood say dot feller vas a leedle bid vrong. You vood say dot he'd been to Zanesville und bringed der Zanes home mit him, sure.

Sharley, here is von of der samardead fellers in his line of bisness in der coundry. Vat dis feller don'd know boud der dicket office of a show, I don'd dink vos of some use to somepody. Dis is Jack Topham, Sharley, der dreasurer of der Comique. Jack is a very nasty, gwied going sord of feller, don'd make any noise, but I dell you, olt man, he's oil ven dot comes to bisness. Topham is righd ad home ad der Comique, cause dot's his old dumbing ground. He is a very useful man in a show; he knows all der leedle dings dots useful; he's gwick like a flash of creased lightning, and correct like a dib dot clock. Nodding omids Jack so vell like being ub to his eyes in bisness, und I rudder dink he vooda'd care of dere vos a *madinee* every alderncon in der veek. Ven he's got some bisness to dend

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ADVERTISERS must hand in their favors before 6 o'clock on Monday evening, in order to have them appear in that week's issue.

To Correspondents.

☞ We never answer questions by mail. All addressed to us seeking information will be answered through this column only.

SUBSCRIBER, Cambridge.—1. No horse in this or any other country has a record of one mile in one minute. 2. The fastest mile record of 1:43¾ made by Sahira and Vadaderk. Longfellow ran a mile in 1:40 in the Saratoga Cup; but as it was in a 1¼ mile race, the Fredonia Mare is deemed to have the record, as it was not taken officially by the timers.

A.—1. By one of experience we are informed that the breech-loaders are to be preferred, mainly because of their less liability to getting foul. No particular preference, however, is given to the several patents, as all have their special improvements, which others have not. Test is the best criterion.

FRANKIE O'BRIEN, Toronto, Ont.—1. Patrick McLaughlin, *alias* "Fangnee," was shot by Dad Cunningham in 1866. 2. The right name of Jemmy, of Brooklyn, who fought Barney Aaron, is Patrick Brannagan. 3. The *alias* of Mike Capet O'Connor is "Red-Headed Mike."

CONSTANT READER, Warsaw, N. Y.—According to your statement B. Cuard D, with their respective runs of 72, 78 and 81, were entitled to the three prizes, C and D playing off, because of their tie at 81 for choice of first prize.

SPORTSMAN, Hartford, Conn.—1. The fastest 125 yards time in this country, running, is 13½ seconds, by J. W. Cozad, Fashion Course, L. I., Nov. 23d, 1868. 2. Tom Sayers was born at Pimlico, near Brighton, Sussex, Eng.

GRUMPY.—Mrs. John Wood, while manageress of the Olympic Theatre, in this city, commenced the regular fall and winter season of 1865-6 on Thursday evening, Sept. 14th, 1865, with the burlesque of "Pocahontas." In which she played little Wye.

DUBUQUE, Dubuque, Iowa.—Fifty-five dollars. The electrotype would be yours and you could have bills printed from it. It would be necessary to send a photograph at once to secure the insertion of the picture desired.

NEW ORLEANS, Trinidad.—1. There is no record of quarter racing, but it is certain that no horse ever ran a quarter mile in 17 seconds. That distance in 18¾ odd seconds is very fast time. 2. Expires with next issue.

SUBSCRIBER.—Contributions received; one will probably be given in our next. "In Memoriam" is a most excellent production; had not the subject long since passed away we should be pleased to give it publication.

B. F. K., Kent, O.—Your question is not clearly stated, but if you mean is said it a sequence can be made with a pair coming before it, in that case, decidedly so. A pair, however, can be made by pairing the last card of a sequence.

BROWNSVILLE DICK.—1. It was Joseph Dion. 2. Yes. Once at three-ball game. 3. Four and odds at four-ball game, giving Oyrville odds. 4. Derby was the first; and the Clarendon second.

WALTER, Co. Philadelphia.—The president and actuary of the Catholic Protectory in Westchester Co., N. Y., is Mr. Henry J. Hilgreen, and the New York city, address is 50 Pine street.

THOMPSON.—Mr. Ben Baker was the author of "A Glance in New York," to which Mr. F. S. Chanfrau originally acted the character of Mose, but we keep no record of novels.

J. M., Three Rivers, Mich.—It having made all he gave, he was not set back; consequently, with but one to go, his high look his out before A. with his low.

J. L., Auburn, Ind.—Thos. Heathwood, the fancier, and breeder of the well-known strain of game fowls, resides at St. Louis. We do not know his precise address.

J. S. D., Gas City, Pa.—James Robinson, the bareback rider, is in St. Louis, Mo., making preparations to start out his circus early in the season.

R. L., Rome.—1. Our space is too valuable to be devoted to such a purpose. 2. Purchase a copy of the "Model Letter Writer" of any bookseller.

A. & E. KNOX, Cincinnati.—Address Charles B. Elliott, Stephen Robinson, Ingersoll & Co., or Waters, Balch & Co., (paper boat builders), care of this office.

Valrose.—1. D's hand, containing six cards, is foul and he cannot play that deal; the other hands stand good. 2. D must show his card to the board and not to C only.

MAENNY.—The best euchre card we have always decided, deals at that table; the Duck, therefore, beats the ace. There is no blank card in the legitimate game of euchre.

G. W., Philadelphia.—The straight flush, composed of king, queen, jack, ten and nine, beats that composed of ace, deuce, trey, four and five, the latter is the lowest straight in poker.

RUSH J.—1. Trump or follow suit is the rule. 2. In this state money lost by gambling or betting can be recovered by legal proceedings, but it is not deemed an honorable proceeding.

SPORT, Evansville, Ind.—A. Ahn's work, which can be procured of Silber & Co., Frankfort street, this city. 2. No comparison can be made.

NEW YORK.—"A and B throw at a game of dice; A throws 13. B bets A $30 that he will beat 13; he throws only 12. Who wins?"—A wins.

J. C. C.—Ten three throws of 40 each are entitled to two prizes, viz.—The third and sixth, and they must arrange among themselves as to their disposal.

MARY F., Steubenville, O.—We don't know them personally, but Messrs. Tobias & Windmuller, of 67 Pine street, or Murray & Davis, of 35 Broadway, this city, might be referred to.

C. N. B., Monroe, La.—The paper is mailed regularly each week. 2. There can from $1 to $5 be had in this city. 3. Helmbold is injured, but they expect to train him again this fall.

TREASURER, Mont Clair, N. J.—Philip H. Sheridan holds the rank of lieutenant-general, and his commission as such dates from the 5th of March, 1869.

Rip S., Petersburgh, Va.—Enclose words and music of song and open dollar, and address them to the Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C., which will secure the copyright of your composition.

C. E., Eurdsis, Mich.—Ed. James, who advertises, will send you the book for $3.

JOHN F., Washington, D. C.—There is no young men's Republican club in this city.

SPORTSMEN, Cleveland, O.—At euchre, if your opponent orders you up you cannot play alone: neither can you if your partner does.

SUBSCRIBER, Pa.—Thanks. We will see.

TROY.—At cribbage, when thirty-one is made, only two points is allowed.

CONSTANT READER, Providence, R. I.—Our reply was sufficiently explicit. We do not publish dissertations on the subject.

C. W. H., Kansas City, Mo.—Jenny Lind did sing at Madison, Ind., but the date of the concert we cannot give.

F. W. E., South Brooklyn, N. Y.—C, having too many cards, had nothing to say, and he has the privilege of doing so.

C. B. R., Watertown, N. Y.—Having proposed to discount your opponent, and failed, you lost your bet.

J. S., Aleyandria, Pa.—If it is said that Coal Oil Johnny tended the door for a minstrel band after his riches had flown away.

BROTHER JOHN.—General Andrew Jackson was born at Waxhaw Settlement, S. C., March 15th, 1767.

PROPRIETOR.—Ed. James, who advertises, can supply you with what you want.

F. J., Galveston, Texas.—1. The CLIPPER was first published in April, 1853. 2. Very few of the back numbers are procurable.

MEG, Brooklyn, E. D.—Trotting and pacing were known as soon as the human races were classified. 2. Guelph.

HARD TY, Boston.—1. The ballads you refer to are not procurable. 2. There is no such work.

S. S. H., Montgomery City.—The velocity of a bullet is the greatest at the point where the muzzle of the barrel.

C. N. T., Chicago.—A cannot go alone after his partner C has made the trump.

CONSTANT READER, Cleve. Washington, D. C.—Both parties having scored game, it is a stand off.

PARKER, Beaver Falls.—Bill Lang ran one mile, part down hill, in 5 minutes, at Newmarket, Eng.

CONSTANT READER, Cincinnati.—See report published in the CLIPPER of the following week.

W. J., Jamaica.—Goldsmith Maid has made the fastest mile time on record in trotting, 2:17.

HEN. AND JOHN, Cincinnati.—1. There must be a fresh deal; and it is an error. 2. It must deal again.

C. S., Piattsmouth, Neb.—The best single standing jump on record is 13 feet 3¾ inches, by Ed. Searles.

F. L. S., Boston.—The ace at poker counts both ways in a sequence, viz., with king, queen, etc., and with deuce, trey, etc.

J. D., Hartford, Conn.—We do not have traveling correspondents.

STARKWEATHER, Meadville, Pa.—Taking a glass of water is taking a drink; consequently A won.

TYRO.—C should have played till he had made 73 points before B made his 100, before backing out.

CORN CAKE.—1. A tie is not a heat; consequently we hold that the loser pays forfeit. 2. He would be eligible for the premium.

MAY, Clinton, Ill.—1. See Ed. James' advertisement. 2. Don't know the parties.

C. C., Chelsea, O.—No horse ever ran a mile in 1:30, in this or any other country.

SUB, Boston.—If you play such a foolish game, you must make your own rules, as there are none recognized for its government.

W. A., Washington, D. C.—A and B holding hands of exactly similar value, divide the money between them and it is a stand off.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Northern players can now take part in southern games until April 1st.

SUBSCRIBER, Ind.—1. We did not see them play together and cannot say.

AWEWARE.—No, he had to wait until the ball was held on the base as failed to touch before he could legally decide the player out.

BYAR, Savannah.—Address Secretary, Senior base ball league clubs. You did not send your address.

J. H. F., Cleveland, O.—The pressure upon our columns in the issue compelled us to abbreviate.

IRE RECORDER.—The national jubilee will take place in Boston, Mass., during the month of June.

EVERYMAN.—The chances are greater that a natural will show in the three succeeding deals than there was at the first.

S. S. J. T., Muscatine, Iowa.—Communicate with Tapscott Brothers, 50 Nassau street, this city.

MIKE, Newark, N. J.—Sam Freeman, the colored boxer, died on the 7th of Dec., 1859.

J. S., Catherstiec.—Berlin, Prussia, had a population of over 700,000 in 1867.

CONSTANT READER, Chicago, Ill.—The Heenan-Sayers fight took place on the 17th of April, 1860.

H. S., Harrisburgh, Pa.—Nothing objectionable, that we know of, will among so many items received it is not easy to trace them.

W. C. R., Baltimore, Md.—W. H. Smith & Son, 136 Strand, London, Eng.

CONSTANT.—1. No. 2. At the post office where it is mailed. 3. No one has any right to abstract stamps.

J. H. FASSETT, Philadelphia.—Subscription expires with No. 51, vol. 19th, dated March 23d.

CONSTANT READER.—See answer to John McElever in our last issue.

CLEVE.—Yes. The choice goes to the highest bidder, otherwise it would not be auction pitch.

J. A., Detroit, Mich.—You might try it a few weeks. $1.30 received.

C. D. S.—Your question is answered in our dramatic columns.

C. DE B.—Will try to find room for one of them at an early day.

PATCH.—It went out first with a kick. See answer to W. F.

SUBSCRIBER, Panama.—There are no rules for racing in Hoyle.

CONSTANT READER.—Will have all firing, probably, next week.

CHARLIE, Troy, O.—Can't understand what you're driving at.

C. C., Baltimore.—Two points all that may be claimed for a cuckoo.

F. G. C., Baltimore.—Wild pigeons are not considered game.

J. P. H.—A's loss was just the supposed value of the check.

JAMES W., Cincinnati, Ohio.—We only know them as advertisers.

J. F. L., Lancaster.—See answer to Eliza C. A. F.

J. M. L., San Francisco.—We do not need one at present.

OLD READER.—1. He is an Englishman by birth. 2. No.

C. A., Philadelphia.—1. Yes. No answer to Rip above.

T. A. S., Chicago.—Your question is not in our line.

TOWNSEND FAMILY.—Please send us your address.

JOHN R. F., Gloversville, N. Y.—No, thank you.

OLD ENGLISH.—Only two points for a cuckoo.

P. O. D.—Two dollars and seventy cents.

A. N. NICHOLS, Providence.—Accepted.

J. MCA.—There are no rules published.

ORANGE, N. Y.—See base ball column.

"DORIS."—Will probably appear soon.

C. C. H.—Will give it a reading.

J. R. G.—We don't know.

MUSCULAR CHRISTIANE.—Our pugilistic friends are beginning to understand that the pen is mightier than the sword or fist, and now, instead of confronting each other in the magic circle, stripped to the buff, with arms well potted for offence or defence, they quietly take up the pen, square themselves at a sheet of virgin paper, and do deeds of dreadful note through the medium of that great palladium of our liberties, a free press. Messrs. Mace and O'Baldwin are tenderly settling their little differences by this benign means, instead of going to New Orleans or Maryland. Verily, dove-eyed peace is asserting her genial influence throughout the land.

YOU CAN SLANDER a girl in Rhode Island for twenty shillings, as was shown in a recent case wherein a father recovered that sum from a young man who had gone back on his daughter. The money seems to have permanently soothed the parent's lacerated feelings.

MORE CRUELTY.—The feminine sophomores of Michigan University have got to "hazing" the unfortunate freshmen by binding them hand and foot and then kissing them in a terrible manner. Is there no society for the prevention of cruelty to animals among the Michiganders? If the constitution of the United States cannot protect these unfortunate freshmen, then, indeed, did our forefathers fight in vain.

INHUMAN MONSTERS.—An up-town family advertises for a plain cook who can "dress a little boy five years old." It is thought that Barnum's Fiji cannibals board with this "up-town family." Will not superintendent Kelso please give the subject his attention, and preserve our innocent offspring from the horrors of cannibalism? We objected to the importation of these Fiji chaps from the very first.

"OUR JIM," on being told that a sarcastic young lady says that the most troublesome things in the world are pigs and lovers, indignantly denies this scandalous reflection on his sex, and pronounces that infamous young lady a barefaced old sow. The reputation of Jim's sex would seem to be secure in his keeping, after that.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY.—We are told that the President of the United States will give the Japanese ambassadors a dinner on the 13th inst. This is well. Now, if we can only get the Cabinet to club together, and give them a breakfast and supper, the Japs will thus be enabled to put in one full day, and go on their way rejoicing.

Attempt to Kill.

A man entered Berlin a short time ago,
Intending to assassinate *Bismarck*,
But the pistol hung fire, the man will hang higher,
And the assassin thereby miss-ed *his* mark.

IN THE TRIAL of Mayor Hall, now going on, it looks as though "too many cooks will spoil the *broth*," if superior wisdom is not developed very soon in his behalf.

ALL RIGHT.—Secretary Boutwell has been confined to his house by illness, but he is now *about well*, again.

THE UNWELCOME GUEST.—Andrew J. Garvey, the great plasterer and sticker-on of "unconsidered trifles."

NEWS OF THE WEEK BOILED DOWN.

☞ The celebrated Tichborne case, which has occupied the attention of London, Eng., for so long, was brought to a sudden termination on March 8th, when counsel for the claimant stated that their client had decided to withdraw his case in consequence of the action of the jury in saying that they had heard sufficient evidence whereon to base a verdict. The claimant was afterwards arrested on a charge of perjury.

☞ The brown stone grammar school building, Locust street, Philadelphia, Pa., was partially burned on March 9th, and the firemen deserve praise for their alacrity in extinguishing the flames without the knowledge of the audience of nearly 4,000 in the Academy of Music, which immediately adjoined the school, and thus preventing a panic and probable loss of life.

☞ A conference of the members of the Ministerial party was held at Madrid, Spain, on March 9th. Many leading unionists and followers of Serrigia were present. Marshal Serrano and the other speakers were strongly in favor of the present dynasty, and upon the conclusion of the addresses an Electoral Committee was appointed.

☞ It is reported in London, Eng., that a treaty has been concluded between Brazil and Paraguay, by the terms of which the former continues over Paraguay for ten years, and the latter undertakes to pay the expenses of the protectorate and cedes certain territory to Brazil.

☞ Dr. Sayre's granite building on Chestnut street, below Third street, Philadelphia, Pa., was partially destroyed by fire on March 4th. Loss on the building about $308,000, and the total loss of stock burned and damaged by water, including the above item, is said to exceed $1,000,000.

☞ A man was found frozen in Westchester county on March 4th, and taken to Tarrytown, N. Y., where an inquest was held. On the 5th the body was taken to Sleepy Hollow Cemetery for interment, but as the coffin was being lowered into the grave a noise proceeded from it and the man was found to be alive.

☞ Six steamers, the St. Charles, Kate Robinson, Abeona, Argosy, Major Anderson and Chancellor, were destroyed by fire at Cincinnati, O., on March 6th. The loss is estimated at about $300,000. Two desk hands belonging to the St. Charles are missing, and it is supposed that they are drowned.

☞ A negro named Scott, who was hung two or three times, about a year ago, by prominent citizens of Crab Orchard Springs, Ky., to try and make him confess to the commission of a crime of which he was innocent, has recovered $8,700 damages in a law suit against his persecutors.

☞ The revision of the federal constitution of Switzerland has been completed by the centralization of the common and criminal law systems of the country, and it was approved by the vote of the state council on March 4th.

☞ A movement is on foot in France for the organization of a new conservative party, the main object of which will be the liberation of French territory from German occupation, and the formation of a military pledged thanks.

☞ A telegram dated London, Eng., March 4th, reports that ex-President Roye, of Liberia, who was imprisoned for certain illegal acts, was drowned in the harbor of Monrovia while trying to make his escape.

☞ The warehouse of the Sandusky and Cincinnati Ice Company, and the wood and coal sheds of the Cincinnati, Sandusky and Cleveland Railroad Company, at Sandusky, O., were burned on March 6th. Loss, $30,000.

☞ Alexander Moseley, editor of the *Wig*, and James C. Southall, editor of the *Enquirer*, were arrested in Richmond, Va., on March 8th, to prevent an anticipated hostile meeting, when the rival quill drivers proposed to punctuate with leaden periods.

☞ A party of armed men crossed the Rio Grande on March 4th, and stole all the cattle from Santa Maria Ranch, near Brownsville, Texas, making prisoners of the residents until they had driven the cattle over the border into Mexico.

☞ The way-bill of one hundred cases of the French war indemnity, with interest to date on the remaining three millions, was completed at Strasburg on March 9th. This payment gives France the entire control of its departments.

☞ At a meeting of the directors of the French Atlantic Cable Company, held in London, Eng., on March 6th, it was resolved to lay an additional cable to America which will be under the management of the present cable combination.

☞ Advices from Melbourne, via London, Eng., March 7th, announce that the British sloop of war, Rosario, sailed and destroyed the village inhabited by the murderers of Bishop Patteson, in New Zealand.

☞ The storehouse of the American Baizen Company, at Yiteh-burg, Va., was burned on March 8th. Loss, $125,000. Pitts & Co.'s storehouse, containing cotton, was also burned. Loss, $10,000.

☞ Two persons have been found guilty by the judicial tribunal at Versailles of firing and destroying the church of St. Eustache, Paris, during the reign of the Commune, and sentenced—one to be executed and the other to penal servitude for life.

☞ A Paris telegram of March 9th states that congratulatory dispatches have been sent to the Count de Chambord, which from the governor of the Island of Guadaloupe upon the completion of telegraphic communication between France and the colony.

☞ James McKell, aged 65, was murdered by three negroes, who broke open his house near Shaby, Clay county, W. Va., on March 5th, for the purpose of robbery. Two of the negroes were arrested in the afternoon.

☞ The French Minister of Foreign Affairs has sent a friendly note to the Italian Cabinet, requesting an explanation of the fortifications on the Genoese coast and frontiers, as these works seem to be directed against the security of Savoy and Nice.

☞ A meeting of the directors of the Erie Railroad Company was held in this city on March 11th, and Jay Gould and Wm. M. Tweed were deposed. General Dix was unanimously chosen president. The places of several other directors were declared vacant.

☞ The range A. B. Hill is supposed to have been sunk by the gale on March 2d, in Chesapeake Bay, and the crew—two white men and a negro—drowned.

☞ Winston & Reynolds' nail factory, a furniture factory and other buildings in Minneapolis, Minn., were destroyed by fire on March 4th. Loss, $100,000.

☞ The threatened dissolution of the French cabinet was averted by the resignation of M. Pouyer-Quertier, which occurred on March 8th.

☞ It is reported that Prince Frederick Charles, of Prussia, while in Rome recently, is said to have declared that if France made an attack upon Italy the latter country would be defended by Germany.

☞ The weather on March 5th and 6th was extremely cold, the thermometer at Watertown, N. Y., registering 34 degrees below zero on the 5th, and 4 degrees above zero in this city.

☞ The schooner Chauncey Hand, Me., was wrecked off Cape Cod on March 5th and all of the crew, of seven men, but one were drowned.

☞ Jacques de la Motte, ex-prefect of the Department of the Eure, who was accused of misappropriating funds for the relief of France, has been honorably acquitted.

☞ Count Von Arnim, the German ambassador to France, has been ordered home for the purpose of reporting his opinion regarding the stability of the present government of France.

☞ The Volunteer Fire Department of New Orleans, La., celebrated their thirty-eighth anniversary with a procession on March 4th.

☞ The sixty-fifth annual commencement of the School of Medicine of the University of Maryland was held at Ford's Opera House, Baltimore, on March 6th.

☞ M. Sanion, author of the *Corsaire*, and M. Roget, of the *Paye*, fought a duel in Paris, France, on March 6th, and the latter was twice wounded.

☞ Five business houses on Frankfort, Ky., were destroyed by fire on March 5th. Loss, over $50,000. A child was burned to death in the conflagration.

☞ The steamship City of Washington, which left this port on Feb. 10th, arrived at Queenstown, Ireland, on the 5th of March, with her shaft broken.

☞ Three cars were thrown off the track on the Central Railroad, near Buffalo, N. Y., on March 7th, and several passengers were injured.

☞ Michael Conden was fatally shot by Bernard Neumann during a quarrel over a game of cards in a saloon, in this city, on March 7th.

☞ Fifteen persons have been convicted of being Knklux at Huntsville, Ala., and three of them sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment.

☞ An entire block of wooden buildings, from Forty-fifth to Forty-sixth streets and Eighth avenue, this city, was burned on March 6th. Loss over $50,000.

☞ The residence of Capt. James Bryant at Machiasport, Me., was burned on March 5th, and Capt. Bryant, together with his wife and two granddaughters, perished in the flames.

☞ A train ran off the track near Springfield, Mass., on March 8th, and nearly all of the eastern mail from Boston for New York was burned. Several passengers were injured.

☞ The committee appointed in England to receive subscriptions for the sufferers by the fire in Quebec, report that the total of the sums contributed reached £12,000 sterling.

☞ Mary Marguardt, aged 38, and her three children, were murdered near Dayton, O., on March 9th, by the husband, Leonard Marguardt, who is now in jail. It is supposed.

☞ It is estimated that the total product of coal in Pennsylvania during 1871 was 36,131,797 tons—bituminous 9,446,326 tons and anthracite 17,685,501 tons.

☞ About 4,000 persons assembled in Hyde Park, London, Eng., on March 10th, to protest against the passage by Parliament of the Parks Regulation Bill.

☞ A telegram dated Paris, March 11th, announces the death of Joseph Mazzini, the well-known Italian patriot.

☞ A fire on No. 40 Warren street, this city, on March 5th, damaged the property and destroyed stock to the extent of $30,000.

☞ A commission of medical men have decided that Arthur O'Connor, the nephew of Feargus O'Connor, is not insane.

☞ The Union Comb Company's factory at Leominster Centre, Mass., was burned on March 2d. Loss, $100,000.

☞ The Planters' Bank at Fort Valley, Ga., was robbed of $17,000 on March 6th.

☞ The house of W. H. Reed in Boston Highlands, Mass., was destroyed by fire on March 8th. Loss, $30,000.

☞ Tom Rourke, aged 60, was killed near Boston, Mass., on March 4th, while trying to stem the railroad track.

☞ The Japanese ambassadors presented their credentials to President Grant at the White House, Washington, on March 4th.

☞ Over ten thousand operatives engaged in the flax mills at Leeds, Eng., struck for a reduction of their time last week.

☞ Robt. Ward, of Medina, N. Y., was drowned by breaking through the ice near Jackson, Mich., on March 4th.

☞ A. S. Southwick's shoe factory at Charlestown, Mass., was destroyed by fire on March 4th. Loss, $15,000.

☞ Shocks of earthquake were felt simultaneously in different parts of Germany on March 4th, at 9 A. M.

☞ The Austrian Chamber of Representatives has voted to maintain an accredited Minister at the Vatican.

☞ The Spanish government has appointed Rear-Admiral J. Polo de Bernabe Ambassador at Washington.

☞ Three men were killed by the expected explosion of a blast at the New Empire Iron Works, in Trigg Co., Ky., on March 2d.

☞ Information has been received in London, Eng., of the loss at sea of the French bark, Alix, and nine persons were drowned.

☞ Col. Lenihan, a lawyer of Paris, Texas., was shot and killed at Neary Station on March 4th.

☞ Eleven buildings at Mason Station, Ky., were burned on March 6th. Loss, $70,000.

☞ The Wilcox Manufacturing Company's carpet yarn mill, at Wilton, N. H., was burned on March 6th. Loss, $75,000.

☞ Walter Roff was killed by the upsetting of an ice boat on the river at Albany, N. Y., on March 6th.

☞ Seven dwellings in Cynbrula, Pa., were burned on March 6th. Loss, about $10,000.

☞ The Prussian government has discovered that the Pope has secretly appointed the Archbishop of Gnesen, Primate of Poland.

☞ The Upper House of the Prussian Diet on March 8th passed the bill providing for the government supervision of schools.

☞ A valuable collection of old books, formerly the library of Wm. Penn, was sold at auction at London, Eng., on March 6th.

☞ The Emperor William has granted pardons to the French prisoners still held by the Germans for civil and military offences.

☞ J. O. Nichols & Sons' woollen mill in Burrillville, R. I., was burned on March 7th. Loss, $30,000.

☞ Capt. L. S. Fuller's store, dwelling and outbuildings, at Buckport Centre, Me., were burned on March 6th. Loss, $20,000.

☞ Ned Farrell was sentenced at Webster, Indiana, on March 7th, to be hanged on April 6th, for the murder of Elliot.

☞ Eli Spencer, aged 17, committed suicide at Orono, Me., on March 6th, by taking poison.

☞ M. Guizard has been appointed to the position in the French cabinet rendered vacant by the resignation of M. Pouyer-Quertier.

☞ Fox, Seaton & Brouson's steam planing mill at Painted Post, N. Y., was burned on March 8th. Loss, $20,000.

☞ A young man in Lancaster, Pa., was fined $1.34 for uttering two oaths last week.

☞ The frame houses on Carrieres avenue, Jersey City, N. J., were destroyed by fire on March 9th. Loss, $35,000.

☞ Guiseppe Mazzoli is said to be at Tirano, in the Tyrol, making preparations for a revolutionary invasion of Italy.

☞ Mary Donovan, aged 65, was run over and killed at the corner of New Bowery and Madison street, this city, on March 9th.

☞ The population of Montreal, Canada, according to a recent census, is 117,000.

☞ Prince Parker, aged 80, committed suicide by hanging himself at Worcester, Mass., on March 10th.

☞ Brewers' Hall and other property at Lincoln, Ill., was destroyed by fire on March 7th. Loss, $75,000.

☞ A coalition of parties has been organized in Spain to oppose the government in the coming elections.

☞ John Sullivan, a sergeant in the Fifth Artillery, stationed at Fort Preble, Me., committed suicide on March 9th.

☞ A woman and her child were suffocated in the conflagration of a hot house at Hooker's Station, N. Y., on March 5th.

☞ Ross Strong, one of the outlaws of Robeson County, N. C., was killed by James McQueen on March 8th.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

Weekly Record of the Decease of Prominent Individuals.

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ALLEN, Capt. Holder—Of Chattyhunk, and had been a pilot for thirty years—Chattyhunk, Mass., March 3d, aged 65.

ANGELL, W. H.—Comedian and manager. See foreign dramatic department.

BLISS, Gad O.—Of Longmeadow, Mass., and an ex-member of both houses of the Massachusetts Legislature—died of heart disease at Longmeadow, Mass., March 4th, aged 65.

BRADY, the Rev. John—Pastor of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Greenpoint, L. I.; ordained to the ministry in his twenty-sixth year, and born at Virginia, Ireland; studied classics in Ireland previous to his emigration to America; kept his theological course in Mount St. Marey, Emmettsburg, where he was for some time under the instruction of the present bishop of Brooklyn; was ordained priest in St. Sulpice, Montreal, Canada; commenced his missionary labor at Providence, R. I., being attached to the cathedral there for about two years. Thence went to New London and Middletown, Conn., preaching there and in the surrounding territory of his mission; served at Astoria, L. I., and was eventually appointed pastor of the Church of St. Anthony—Greenpoint, L. I., March 5th, aged 54.

BALDWIN, Josephus—The first Mayor of Nashua under the city charter—Nashua, N. H., March 4th, aged 68.

BENNETT, William—Born in Newmarket, Eng., in 1766, and established in the Thirty-second regiment—British infantry—in 1793: was stationed in Ireland previous to the rebellion of 1798, and served in the Peninsular campaign under Sir John Cathcart and the Duke of Wellington; was at the battle of Corunna, and was one of those who sustained at the burial of Sir John Moore; discharged from the army on a pension in 1814, and settled in Dublin, Ireland, where he continued up to the date of his decease—Tecknicre, Ireland, Jan. 2d, aged 108.

BRIGGS, Joseph William—Special agent of the P. O. department, Cleveland, and brother of James A. Briggs, of this city: organized the system of free delivery of letters in fifty-two cities of this state; he was also one of the earliest advocates of free delivery—Cleveland, March 4th.

BRAMLETTE, Mrs Sallie Tranlee—Wife of ex-Gov. Thomas E. Bramlette of Kentucky—Louisville, Ky., March 4th, aged 55.

BROWN, John H. R., D. D.—Presbyterian pastor, of Chicago; a native of Londonderry, Ireland; graduated at Dublin University, and emigrated to Lexington, Ky., and Jacksonville and Springfield, Ill.—Chicago, Ill., Feb. 29th, aged 68.

BROWNE, Hon. Richard J.—Late chancellor of the diocese of Harrisburg; was a prominent actor in extinguishing the flames without the knowledge of the audience of nearly 4,000 in the Academy of Music, which immediately adjoined the school, and thus preventing a panic and probable loss of life.

BURNS, Col William Nicol—The second of the three sons of Robert Burns, who alone of six children survived infancy; born April 9th, 1787, at Dumfries, Scotland; in India Company's service from which he retired after fulfilling his term of service, nearly thirty years ago. Since his retirement from active duty the deceased had resided mostly at Cheltenham. Was little over five years of age at the time of his father's death, in 1796, and his recollections of him were slight. He remembered his father taking him to school, and walking about the room with him in his arms during night to comfort and soothe him in some childish illness; named after his father's friend, William Nicol, a master in the Edinburgh High School, and one of the three celebrities named in "Willie Brewed a Peck o' Maut"—Cheltenham, Eng., about Feb. 24th, aged 82.

BABCOCK, The Hon. R. C.—A leading citizen of Providence—Providence, R. I., March 7th.

BROWN, Hon. Thomas—Well known as a lawyer of Louisville—fell to the pavement and expired almost immediately, while returning home—Louisville, Ky., March 4th.

BETANY, Capt. Jeremiah—Drowned at sea, and death, together with his wife and two grandchildren, at his residence, Manchesport, Me., March 9th.

BIDDLE, Hon. Joseph—Collector of Customs and private bill. Particulars see foreign department.

BURNEY, Frederick—Music hall proprietor. See foreign department.

CLARK, Mrs. Rachel Wells—Born in Trenton, N. J., was four years old when the battle of Trenton was fought, and some remembrances of it, and was present at the time when Washington was received at Trenton by the young ladies of that town upon his passage to New York in 1789, to assume the duties of President of the United States—Elizabeth, N. J., March 5th, aged 100.

COLOLOUNE, Jane—Countess of Granard, and youngest daughter of the late Hamilton Knox Grogan Georges, who represented the Waterford district in the Irish House of Commons; was born at Brandon, Ireland, and was present at the time when Washington was received at Trenton by the young ladies of that town upon his passage to New York in 1789, to assume the duties of President of the United States—Ireland, N. Y., March 5th, aged 100.

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DE LA MOTTE, Jacques—Ex-prefect of the Department of the Eure, who was accused of misappropriating funds for the relief of France, has been honorably acquitted.

DE LOWRY, Henry Ely—Chief of the Robeson county outlaws—reported to have been killed by his brother, Stephen Lowry Lowrie, in Robeson county, N. C., about the 4th.

LINHAM, Col.—A prominent lawyer of Paris, Texas.—shot and instantly killed—Henry Station, Texas., March 4th.

LOOMIS, Col. Gustavus—Of the retired list U. S. Army; graduated at West Point, March 1st, 1813; served in the war of 1812; was from Vermont, June, 1808, and was commissioned second lieutenant of artillery on March 1st, 1811; first lieutenant of the First Artillery, May, 1813; assistant deputy quartermaster, with rank of captain, March 3d, 1815; adjutant, April, 1819, again in First Infantry, May, 1821; brevet major, April 7th, 1832; major in Second Infantry, July 7th, 1838; lieutenant colonel of the Fifth Infantry, March 3d, 1847; colonel of the Fifth Infantry, March 3d, 1855—Stratford, Conn., March 5th, aged 82.

LOUTHER, The Right Hon. William—Earl of Lonsdale; served in the House of Commons as member for Westmoreland from 1818 to 1831; was a Lord of the Admiralty and treasurer. Chief Commissioner of Woods and Forests, Treasurer of the Navy, Vice President of the Board of Trade, Postmaster General of England and President of the Council at different periods during the reign of William IV. Privy Councilor of Queen Victoria, and was one of the earliest advocates of free trade. Succeeding to the title of Lord Lowther in 1841, succeeding to a title which was created in 1797—England, March 5th, aged 84.

LYON, Mordecai—An old merchant of this city—New York city, March 5th, aged 100.

MOORE, Benjamin R.—Merchant tailor of long standing in Philadelphia—Philadelphia, Pa., March 4th, aged 70.

MYERS, John—One of the oldest printers in Philadelphia, having been in that business since 1817—Philadelphia, Pa., March 1st, aged 68.

MAGUIRE, James—Conveyancer of Philadelphia, where he was held in high esteem—Philadelphia, Pa., March 1st.

MORRISSEY, Rev. James W.—A Roman Catholic clergyman, who recently officiated in Philadelphia—Dungarvin, Ireland, Feb. 9th, aged 34.

MORAY, the Right Hon. Archibald George—Thirteenth Earl of Moray—died suddenly, Dunavay Castle, near Forres, Scotland, March 3d.

MONROE, John T.—Ex-Mayor of New Orleans, and a native of Missouri—Savannah, Ga., Feb. 3d, aged 62.

MORAN, Rt. Rev. William—Well-known in Philadelphia and other parts of the country; in the war of 1812 served in Captain Dupont's company at Camp Dupont. In 1841 and 1843 he was largely engaged in the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods in Mexico and for many years in the southern states. At the time of his death supposed to be one of the oldest manufacturers of cotton goods in the country; was the first superintendent of Independence Hall, at Kensington, and for a long time a member of the philanthropic movements of Fultneyville, and was a pioneer in the anti-slavery and temperance movements—Fultneyville, N. Y., March 1st, aged 64.

CRAIGHILL, Mary—Wife of Col. William P. Craighill, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.—Baltimore, Md., Feb. 24th.

CLIFFORD, Warren—Fireman, Howell Fire Department for many years past—Howell, Mass., March 10th, aged 67.

COLERICK, The Hon. John—A leading lawyer and politician of Indiana—died of hemorrhage of the lungs, Fort Wayne, Ind., March 7th.

DUNCAN, Robert—A well known philanthropist of Williamsburgh —Williamsburgh, March 11th.

DE REVERDY, Count Jean—Member of the French Academy, Senator and Dean of Aschery, being the fourth Viscount. A baronetage was conferred on his ancestor in 1631. The title was revived in 1720, again in 1760, and to that of Viscount in 1785—Ireland, Jan. 23d, aged 78.

DYER, Capt.—Of La Grange—died from injuries received from a falling tree—La Grange, Ga., March 4th.

DANA, W. C.—Commander in the United States Navy, and in which service he distinguished himself; a native of Ohio; entered the Navy in May, 1809, and appointed Commander April 27th, 1841; commanded the $1,000 ship of the line Ohio—Ohio, March 6th, aged 80.

ELLIGER, Dr. Richard A. F.—A son of Dr. George Elliger, well-known as a physician and specialist—Philadelphia, Pa., March 8th, aged 39.

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...uding to the funds of the association. Because his excellency did not think proper to contribute, the council of the association, at the...ing of doubt of Mr. Corbin, had previously passed an im...prohibiting theatrical...adies forth-with to the presidency the governor and suite patronized public entertainments upon the free list. An explanation should be forwarded to all managers to discontinue the practice. In a correspondence which ensued, the governor's private secretary informed them that he could not procure the necessary...on which the tickets were issued, and that, if they desired...copies, and tickets had to account might be rendered. This Mr. Coppin protends would be against the rules of the pro...fession to do, thus endeavoring to evade the responsibility of prev...ious to the opening. Implied, and consequently...in the...ge at present reads, but if Mr. Coppin has done nothing else, he has succeeded in showing the character and propensities of the...ocrats...ith which he is connected.....On Boxing night the Theatre Royal opened with the pantomime of "Jack and the Beanstalk," by Mr. E. L. Blanchard, whose work had been localized by Mr. Edwards.....The Enderby Jackson company of comic sing...ers still watch Mr. Hyde's...ments in the Polytechnic saw...dus...ques to St. George's Hall, where they are very well supported by the class of persons who delight in such performances.....Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Hartley (Miss Rose Cooper) have been giving drawing room entertainments at the Polytechnic Hall, but with very moder...rate success.....The Bullseat Theatre Royal has been opened with a company, to which Mr. Stuart O'Brien and Mr. Middleton are the principal performers, and at the Theatre Royal, Sunderland, the pantomime of Aladdin, with Miss Grainger, have commenced a pantomimic career.—Melbourne Argus.

MISS MARY GLADSTANE is meeting with much success. Her first engagement at Melbourne terminated with twelve weeks, her second of five, and the third, which she commenced on Dec. 2d, 1871, twelve weeks, making a total of twenty-seven weeks in Melbourne alone, out of fifteen months' sojourn in the colonies. She intends playing a farewell engagement in Melbourne before leaving the colonies, which will probably be early in July next.

A WORK OF MERIT on the subject of the "Divina Commedia" of all things, has been produced at Rome, Italy! Dante—a dancing ballet! Such, however, is the case. The first scene represents Frederic Barbarossa with a great black beard by the eye—running away from the Italian battle-field. Then, in the order nearest mentioned in the first line of "L'Inferno," there appears the well-known figure of Dante, who, to judge from his richard gaudy costume, is by no means suffering from indigestible supper. To him enters Virgil, whose affectionate way of feeling Dante's pulse is thus heard to be misunderstood spectator to be supposed that he is the family doctor. His treatment seems to be successful, for the presently trip off hand in hand. In the next scene they are joined by Homer, "discovered" playing a harp like Orpheus in a Greek city. Why Greek should be in...ation when Homer was alive, or why the three poets should dance a fandango in the Elysian fields, are mysteries which only the composer can explain. All such speculations are ended by the in...troduction of a bevy of Amazons, who, with the phenomenal little Venus ballygog at their tail, are attired in a costume—if a negative can be expressed by a positive term—admirably adapted for the Olympian games. Women not remain long in the Inferno; for in the next grand representing Purgatory, Dante meets with Beatrice, who, with most unnatural levity, and in a very rickety contravance, carries him off to the Prose scene. The last scene discovers Italy bound by chains at the sound of Garibaldi's hymn her fetters fall off, Rome rushes forward as Rome her, the audience shrieks with delight and the curtain falls.

Musical.

HENRY HAIGH and M'me Haigh-Dyer commence a seven nights season of English ballad opera at Leeds, Eng., on Feb. 24th.

MADAME ADELINA PATTI'S engagement has ended in St. Petersburg, Russia. She will sing in Vienna from the 15th of March to the 25th of April; from the 1st of May to the 23d of July, at Covent Garden, London, Eng.; from the 1st of August to the 24th of September, in Homburgh, and on the 23d of October will return to Rossow, and from the 1st of December to the 3d of March, 1873 she will fulfil a farewell engagement at St. Petersburg, prior to her long promised trip to America, where her operatic career was first commenced.

M. GOUNOD'S cantata "Gallia," Signor Marchetti's "Ruy Blas," Signor Verdi's "Don Carlos," and Meyerbeer's "Africaine," are the works to be produced at the Lieoo Opera House, in Barcelona, before the end of April and during the month of May. Madame Sass, Mesdames Briol-Nicolay, Filomena Llanes, Signori Stagno, Bulterine and Va...varo.

WILLIAM HILL LEARY from Nice that the veteran bass, Signor Tamburini, at the age of seventy-three years, had been singing the aria d'entrata of the Count from Bellini's "Sonnambula;" and as well, it is said, as in the first song in 1827, when the air was composed expressly for him by Bellini.

MISS NELLY GORDON, as she was professionally known while singing at the Royal Italian Opera, Drury Lane, London, Eng., but on reality Miss Helen Lawson, died at London, Eng., on Feb. 20th, aged 26 years.

HENRY FOTHERGILL CHORLEY, well-known in musical circles, died suddenly on Feb. 16th at London, Eng., at the age of 73 years. Born at the close of 1808 of a good old Lancashire family, he entered, while a boy, the office of Messrs. Rathbone, in Liverpool, but found commerce uncongenial to him and made his escape from it to enter the ranks of literature. While yet in his teens he arrived in London, seeking employment, but having few qualifications beyond his hopes, his diligence and a smattering of music acquired from Mr. Vaughan Hermans, the conductor at that period of the Liverpool Philharmonic Society. Young Mr. Chorley was not undaunted; he strove hard—got at first a little back work to do, then was admitted from time to time into the periodicals, and at last attracted the notice of the conductors of the London Athenæum so far as to secure him a post on that journal. His connection with the *Athenæum* is now a matter of history. For thirty-five years he conducted the musical department of that paper. To Mr. Chorley's published works we need only make reference; they are in every musical reader's mind at the mention of "Modern German Music," "Modern Opera" and "Thirty Years' Musical Recollections." His libretti...s exhibit scholarship and grace, and certainly a greater share of poetical expression than usually falls to writers of this class. Among them we may mention the "May Queen," set by Sir Sterndale Bennett; the "St. Cecilia," set by Sir Julius Benedict; the "Kenilworth" and "Napoleon Nockton," written for Sir Julius Sullivan, and the "Pearl," translated from and fitted to the music of the French score. The funeral took place at the Brompton Cemetery on Feb. 20th. Amongst the principal mourners were Sir Michael Costa, Mr. B. Calkhoven, Mr. Arthur Sullivan, Mr. Henry Leslie, Mr. Charles Halle, Mr. C. L. Gruneisen, Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Payton (secretary of the Birmingham festival), Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. Wm. J. Davis, Dr. Wesley and Mr. Dannreuther. Close to the grave were Herr Joachim, Mr. Tom Taylor, Mr. George Grove, Miss Dickens, Mrs. Frederic Lehmann, &c.

THE ALLEGHANIES, vocalists and Swiss bell ringers, were to have performed at Carnarvon, South Wales, on Feb. 27th; Southport, Eng., 28th and 29th, and Hyde, March 1st and 2d.

Variety Halls.

NO CHANGES worthy of record had occurred as any of the music halls, either in London, Eng., or the provinces, and it is not probable that any will take place until the Easter holidays.

YANCE and his company performed at Southport, Eng., Feb. 14th. HARRY LLOYD and his company were to have performed at Redruth, Wales, Feb. 26th; Penzance, 27th; Hazle, 28th; Truro, 29th; Falmouth, March 1st, and Devonport, 2d.

GEORGE LINDSAY WATSON, proprietor of the Cambridge Music Hall, Scunthorpe, Eng., died Feb. 20th, aged 38 years.

FREDERICK BESSELL, one of the proprietors of the Birmingham Concert Hall, Birmingham, Eng., died at Coventry, Eng., Feb. 18th, aged 36 years.

Negro Minstrelsy.

BUTTERWORTH'S Christy Minstrels performed at Aberdare, Wales, Feb. 15th and 17th.

THE MATHEWS BROTHERS Minstrels performed at Burnley, Eng., Feb. 17th and 19th.

Circuses.

E. H. DOORITZ, equestrian, was married at Copenhagen, Denmark, on Feb. 7th, to Miss Hilda Hansen.....Mr. Frederick Ellis' Circus, Barrow-in-Furness, Eng., Signor Serano and M'lle Victoria, engine performers, were added to the company on Feb. 19th.....At Batty's Circus, Dalkeith, Scotland, the latest additions to the company were Mr. Wyse, equestrian; M'lle Katherine and the Infant Barry.....At Sheffield and Taylaure's Circus, Cardiff, Wales, the...riers Wields, finished gymnasts, made their first appearance on ...19th.....At Adams' Circus, Halifax, Eng., *La ferre* Guillaume in a dashing bar act and Signor Luigi on the flying ropes, who came from one trapeze, turning a somersault through a hoop and ...ning to...pose of the other end of the building, have be...the chief attractions.....At Cooke's Circus, Manchester, Eng., there ha...een no changes in the performers.....At Newsome's Circus, at ...ewcastle-upon-Tyne, Hubert Meers on the *trapeze* was the fe...

Miscellaneous.

HERRMANN the magician was announced to have given a special performance at Egyptian Hall, London, Eng., on Thanksgiving, Feb. 27th.

MADIGAN continued his performances at Charing Cross Theatre, London, Eng., up to the date of our latest advices.

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Away, away to some distant isle,
With a mild and balmy air,
Where breezes murmur and cheerful smile
On a laughing landscape all the while,
Oh, find me a dwelling there.

Away, away to some rocky shore,
By the waves of the sounding sea,
Where I can listen for evermore
To the soothing surge and ocean's roar,
Make ready a home for me.

Away, away to some mountain's crown,
The realm of endless snow,
Where glittering diamonds grandly frown
On barren ice fields farther down—
O, there would I gladly go!

Away, away to some desert land,
The home of the hot simoon,
Where barren wastes of burning sand
Bear never a trace of human hand,
Go, find me a dwelling soon.

Away, away most anywhere,
Away to any land
Where there is water, and earth and sky
For old "Phil Davis" gritmly stare
In my face on every hand.

A way, a way to pay my debts
My landlord's veil would see:
My tailor swears my landlord frets,
The more I reason the worse he gets,
And now he's "scoured" on me

S. A. M.

"DIRTY GALLUS."

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.

BY JACK PERCY.

"Curse the luck! Nothing but rain, rain, rain; I wonder if it will ever be clear again."

So soliloquized a woman who was seated in a miserable attic room in a tumble down frame tenement in the Fourth Ward. All her surroundings spoke of extreme poverty and destitution. The plaster had fallen from the walls in places, leaving great gaps, through which the rough laths could be plainly seen. An old table in the last stage of rickets, a broken-back chair and a little bit of a stove, made up the furniture, while a heap of dirty rags in one corner of the room did duty as a bed.

The woman was seated on the chair and crouched over the stove, in which the veriest mockery of a fire was smouldering. An old woolen shawl was wound around her body and drawn over her head, leaving little of her red and bloated features exposed to view.

Night had fallen upon the city, dark and dreary, and the only sounds to be heard were the plash of the rain drops on the dirty window panes and the angry roaring of the wind, which seemed to hold some special spite against the frail old tenement, and appeared desirous of rending it to pieces and scattering the fragments far and near.

Suddenly the woman's attention was attracted by the sound of heavy footsteps on the stairs, and in a moment after, a man, carrying a large, shapeless bundle, in his arms, entered the room without ceremony. He placed his burden on the floor and then turned to the woman, who was keenly watching his every movement, and said:

"It's all right, Gallus; you needn't stare so at me; it's only a gal I've brought here, to stay a few hours. If you'll act her stay you'll get a good stake. Come, get a light and I'll talk to you about it."

The woman lit a tallow candle, asking ere she did so—

"What devil's work are you at now, Ike Flood?"

"Well, you see, a rich bloke up-town got spoony on that ere gal, and he agreed to give me five hundred cases if I got her safe into his hands without her people knowin' of it. He gave me a hundred down, and is to give me the balance when he gets the gal. He's comin' here at twelve o'clock to-night to meet me and put up the sugar and take the gal."

"What made you bring her here?"

"I thought it 'ud be about the safest place. Of course there'll be hell to pay about the gal bein' carried off, but the perlice'll never come here. They never knew you to do anything you could be sent up life river for. Now, I want you to let her stay here until the bloke comes down with the stamps. You'll make a big boodle by it; twenty-five cases at least."

"She can stay, I suppose, but no one shall harm her while here, for I won't have it. Do you understand? If any one tries to take advantage of her here I'll have the police in in five minutes. I don't care what happens to her after she leaves, but she must not be harmed here."

"Of course not, if you say so, but don't let her get away. She's been chloroformed, but she'll come to in about half an hour, so look out for her. I guess you ain't got much money 'round yer clothes, so here's a V for a starter, and mind you don't get too much booze aboard before I get back. So long, Gallus! I'll be back at twelve o'clock, sure."

"Another one going to the devil," said the woman, as the door closed behind the man Ike. "Well, what do I care! If the girl met me in the street she would draw aside from me and avoid contact with me, as if I was a leper. No doubt she's virtuous and all that sort of thing, as the world goes. It's all well enough for fine ladies dressed in the height of fashion to make fine speeches about us (erring sisters and Magdalens, they call us), but why don't they do something practical? It's all well enough to invite us to come and listen to long-winded parsons preach hell fire and damnation in the most terrific manner, but we can't live on sermons. They ain't food, nor clothes, nor money. Some of these fine ladies are just as bad on the sly as I am openly, and the very parsons who talk so lugubriously about the fallen are sometimes their parsonours. Bah! It makes me sick when I read or listen to their cant. Lord! I am almost tempted (or was before I drank, I'll get a bottle of gin and something for the girl and then go to bed; I dare say she'll be able to eat something when she wakes up."

Casting a glance at the motionless form on the bed, she drew her shawl around her body and went out into the rain. She soon returned, bringing with her some cooked food and a bottle. These she placed on the table, and after taking a long draught from the bottle, she took up the candle, and, going over to the bed, gazed long and earnestly upon the face of the sleeping girl.

"She's very pretty," soliloquised the woman; "but what of that? She won't last long. Your blue-eyed, golden-haired beauties seldom do. I was pretty, too, so they said, and what am I now? Beautiful, I suppose." She laughed a short, discordant laugh, and, retracing her steps to the table, commenced a ravenous attack upon the food, washing it down with copious draughts of gin. She was interrupted in her repast by a groan from the direction of the bed, and, turning, she saw its occupant in a sitting posture, gazing around her in a bewildered manner.

"So you've woke up, have you, sis? Come out and get something to eat and drink."

"What a horrible place! Where am I; oh, where am I?" cried the young girl.

"In my *here*, of course," was the very satisfactory reply. The girl arose from the bed and walked quickly towards her.

"Who are you? Why am I here?" she asked.

"Me! Why I'm Dirty Gallus, and you'll find out why you're here soon enough. It's no use, sis; you can't get out," she continued, as the girl ran to the door. "The door's locked and the key in my pocket. I wasn't such a flat as to leave the door open when you and the gin bottle were here. I know my weakness too well for that. Come and eat something; it will do you good."

"Oh, let me go, let me go. Don't, for Heaven's sake, let me be kept here for evil. My father is rich and will pay you well. The young girl—she was little more than a child in years—cast herself at the woman's feet and grasped up into her face in agony of supplication, the tears streaming down her cheeks. "You are poor and want money. My father has thousands; I am his only child. He will give you all he has if you will only let me go home to him and my poor mother."

The woman at first listened to her entreaties with a sarcastic smile, but as the girl proceeded her face grew pale and her lips twitched convulsively. Some old memory seemed to have been awakened by the expression of the girl's countenance. As the girl ceased speaking Dirty Gallus seized her quickly by the wrist, and said in a voice choked with emotion:—

"Child, what is your name?"

"Nora Creveling."

"Nora Creveling! Your mother's name, quick?"

"Nora Stratton."

"My God, my God! what was I about to do?" The woman's head sank upon her hands and she burst into tears.

Nora Creveling gazed at her in astonishment.

"Do you know my mother?" she asked.

"Yes, child, I knew her years ago. She was not much older than you are now. She had a sister, Isabel?"

"Yes, but Aunt Isabel died before I was born."

"Ah!" A deep sigh broke from the woman's lips and she was overcome with emotion. Recovering herself, she said:—"I knew your mother well, child, and loved her dearly, and for the sake of the old love I will save you. Not one hair of your head shall be harmed, and you shall return to your home as pure and unsullied as when you left it."

"You will let me go to mother? Oh, bless you! bless you!" exclaimed the girl, turning to the door.

"Not now, child, not now." Nora shuddered from head to foot at the old lock of fear came back into her face. "I dare not let you go now, for I think the house be watched, but at twelve o'clock you shall be as free as air. Sit down, child; you won't have long to wait now. Do you know the name of the man who caused you to be brought here?

"No, but a tall, dark man has tried several times to draw me into conversation with him when I was on my way home from school."

"He must be the one then. He wants to make you such a thing as I am, but for the sake of the love I bear your mother I will save you from him."

"You say you love my mother. What is your name?"

"I had a name once—I was proud of it, but now I am Dirty Gallus. Listen, child, and heed what I say. Nineteen years ago I was young and beautiful. I had a home, a happy home, and knew no care. My father was a merchant and was wealthy. Some called me a hoyden, owing to my extreme gaiety and love of pleasure. I became acquainted with a young man who was very wealthy, but who had the reputation of being dissipated. Our acquaintance ripened into intimacy and his visits became of almost daily occurrence. My father, discovering my liking for this young man, forbade me to receive him. I did not dare disobey my father openly, but met my lover secretly. I fell. When my father perceived that I had disgraced my name he drove me from his house. My lover received me with open arms and I became his mistress. A child was born and died. For two years I was happy. My lover was all that heart could wish. He lavished every luxury upon me. Two years passed by and then he cooled towards me, often remaining absent for weeks. I upbraided him with his conduct. There was a terrible scene, and he struck me to the floor. How long I remained insensible I do not know, but when I regained my consciousness I swore an oath that his life should pay me for that blow. After my money was spent I was forced to become a woman of pleasure. I had money without stint, fine dresses and jewels, but I could not forget my debased condition. I drank fearfully. Friend after friend tired of me. I was rapidly passed from hand to hand, always sinking lower and lower in the scale. From being mistress I became waiter girl in a concert saloon. From that to the streets the transition is easy, and now I prowl around the dark, narrow streets of the Fourth Ward, known only as Dirty Gallus. Hark! they are coming up the stairs. Lay down on the bed and pretend to be asleep. No matter what you see or hear, do not stir or your life, I will save you."

Nora Creveling laid down on the bed, and the next moment there came a heavy rap at the door. The woman opened it and two men entered. One was Ike Flood, and the other was a tall man, who wore a slouch hat, drawn down over his eyes, and had his face muffled in a shawl or concealment.

"She's there, eh! Gallus," exclaimed Flood.

"Of course she is," replied the woman. "Did you ever know me to go back on a friend?"

"Can't say as I did. Now then, Cap., there's the girl; where's the sugar?"

"I must first know if you have the right person," said the man addressed as Cap

At sound of his voice Dirty Gallus started.

"That's square enough," rejoined Flood.

"Come, Gallus, take the glim and give him a look."

The woman took the light and went over to the bed, trembling violently as she did so.

"It is she," exclaimed the stranger, and he extended his hand as if to touch Nora.

"Come, none o' that, old man," said Flood, laying his hand on the shoulder of the other in no very gentle manner. "Yer don't play me for no sucker. The dueals or no gal."

"I did not intend to cheat you, my friend," said the stranger; "I have the money ready."

The three went back to the table, and the stranger counted down four hundred dollars, which Flood eagerly picked up and placed in his pocket. "Now then, Cap," said he, "the gal's yours."

"Not yet," said Dirty Gallus, placing herself between them and the bed. "Not yet."

"What's the matter with you, Gallus?" cried Flood. "Are you drunk or crazy?"

"Neither; but that girl cannot be taken from here. You've got your money, so it's nothing to you whether she goes or stays."

"You hold the woman," cried the stranger, in a rage, "and I'll take care of the girl."

"Don't put your hands on me, Ike Flood, or there will be trouble, and I'll have the police down on you in five minutes

BASE BALL.

THE CLEVELAND CONVENTION

OF THE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The National Association of Professional Base Ball Players held their first annual convention on March 6th at the Kennard House, in Cleveland. In the absence of President Kerns, Mr. J. Ford Evans, vice president of the association, occupied the chair, and on calling the convention to order he made a short and appropriate speech, in which he expressed the hope that the action of the convention would be harmonious, and that nothing would be done which would prove detrimental to the noble game. He believed that the coming season would witness a closer race for the championship than any of its predecessors, and he wanted all games played fairly and squarely, without jostling. In conclusion he welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Forest City Club.

Secretary Young then proceeded to read the minutes of previous meetings—that held in New York city on March 15th and 17th, 1871, and that in Philadelphia, on November 24 last—which were approved by the convention on motion of Mr Clark.

The treasurer's report was then made, as follows:—"Have received nothing, paid nothing and have got nothing"—which was adopted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being next in order, Mr. Davidson, of the Mutuals, stated that he thought some one of the original players should be chosen for president, and not an ex officio. He therefore nominated a gentleman well known by the profession, and one who is respected by all, Mr. Robert Ferguson, of the Athletics. Mr. Clark, of the Haymakers, said that he was glad the nomination had been made, and heartily seconded it.

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THE SELECTION OF UMPIRES.

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Hunt, Fanny
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Jessup, Bessie W.
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McClellan, Jennie
Nillson, Christine
Neville, Emma J. (2)
Oates, Mrs. J. A. (2)
Phillips, Amy
Rose, Parsons
Romaeta, Conchita
Rowell, Kitty
Raymond, Ida
Rignold, Jane
Rainford, Marianne
Robinson, Augusta
Scofield, Imogene
St. Leon, Etta
Sharp, Kittie
Sweet, Mrs.
Stuart, Ada
Thompson, Lydia
Tiffany, Anna Ward
Troy, Queen
Tracy, Hetty
Vernon, Clara
Walby, Josie
Wheatleigh, Jennie
Weber, Lisa
Williams, Clara
Wallace Sisters
Woodworth, Mary
Wise, Mrs. C. A.
Williams, Louise
Yeoman, Annie 20c.
Zeonetti, Zoe (3)
Zegrino, Wellie
Zuleika, Mad.

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Aarons, Sig.
Baker, C. Harry
Foster, Chas.
Florence, Wm. J.
Franckum, Geo. (3)
Frank, Prof. Tony
Gran, M.
Gardner, Chas.
Haworth, John
Hernandez, A. M.
Harris, Johnny
Hall, Jno. L.
Howes, Harry J.
Haywood & Brimmer
Hammond, Charley
Harrison, Henry W.
Haight, Andrew
Howard, Jas.
Hart, Harry
Hilton, Jas.
Hamill, Harry
Iago, Patrick
Moore, Jas. H.
Jordan, M. L.
Jester, G. W. (2)
Kingsley, Geo.
Kilbourne, Jas. F.
Keegan, John
Kirwan, Edw'd
Kimball, Geo.
Kneeland, E. J.
Lingham, Wm. Horace
Locke, E. A.
Lawry, C. H.
Laurent, W. H.
Lodingwell, M. W.
Linden, Ernest
Lees, Dan
Leavitt, Johnny
Leacock, Geo. F. (3)
Linden,
Lott, Ed
Long, J. C. (2)
Lewis, Ike
Lyrell, W. H.
Lennox, Geo. B.
Lavrake, Wm. K. (2)
Lee, Charley
Lannier, W. M. (2)
Lennon, John
Melville, Chas.
Morrissey, Johnny
Maywood, A.
Mack, James
Mack, Frank
Morrell, Harry
Meeker, Jas. M.
Mackin & Williams
Mauger (2)
McCormick, J.
McDonough, Ed'd
Melville, Walter
McCormick, Alec
Myers, Chas.
Mallah, Wm. R.
Mendal, Harry
Morton, J. W.
McAuley, Arch
Washburn, E. S.
Miller, A. O.
Manning, Billy
Naylor, Jno. W.
Naylor, F. B.
Newcomb, Bobby
Ollerenshaw, Joseph
Otis, W. H.
Pamelle, Jno.
Primrose, Geo.
Parker, Wm.
Painter, Wm.
Porter, Billy (2)
Pedesclo
Prendo, V.
Pryor, Alec. W.
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Parmelee, E. M. (2)
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Introductory Overture.

MONDAY, March 11th, '72.

We are moving along through the Lenten season in a semi-piously, vigorous and conceited manner, passing some of our evenings at the theatres and halls and our Sabbaths at church; but take it as far as we have gone, we cannot perceive that we are much better for these affected devotional exercises, which we do not take to kindly or as if we enjoyed them in a natural manner. Our dear brothers who preside at the Sabbath gatherings put on a little more outward solemnity, and look sad, or a trifle "off color," as our irreligious sporting friends would say, but otherwise Lent flakes but little difference to them. Managers are cheerful, and are evidently gathering in more ducats than they are accustomed to handle at this pious season of the year, for all of which they have much cause to be thankful.....Mrs. John Wood was received in a very enthusiastic manner on Monday evening last, when she made her re-debut in this city. The genial John bore her honors with humorous humility, and spoke a short piece in honor of the transplantation of the London Wood to the sanbrious soil of America. We cannot see that years have furrowed her face or withered her infinite jest; she talks with a volubility and a magnetic force equal to the exhaustless powers of a professional side show blower; and this, be it benevolently understood, is not intended to stigmatize our returned gentle savage as a blower in any sense.....As the circus and menagerie season will shortly commence, our nervous readers must prepare to hear of many a hair-breadth escape of circus and animal people. Many a poor soul will be figuratively chawed up on paper by some dreadful wild beast of the forest, whose training has been sadly and sorely neglected in his youthful days. We should like to see a number of menagerie keepers and lion kings mangled by some ferocious denizen of his native jungle. We remember once how we went to an animal show, the most brilliant feature of which was to be the feeding of the lions and tigers and tigresses, and growling bears and laughing hyenas. When the man came before us dressed in his pretty clothes, all bespangled and be-beaded, we thought that man was the finest sight we had ever feasted our eyes upon; and, as he approached the dens of the unnatural beasts, we thought we would sooner be that bold and fearless man than be the famous Colonel Finck, who was, in our boyish mind, associated with all that was valorous and bold, and daring in exploits in the bloodless battlefields which laid our rich country waste in story books published expressly for the instruction of boys of the olden time, as you may remember. Well, armed with a big skewer in one hand, and a chunk of raw beef in the other, this brave man entered the den of living animals. In a moment, the untamed creatures spied the beef, and the imbecile lord of the wilds, not being able to get a chance at the beef, went for our model man of valor, who, in the most cowardly and unsportsmanlike manner, turned upon his heel and fled from the cage as if he had been shot from a large cannon. We were utterly disgusted; here was what we had been waiting and watching for for weeks, a real live man torn and mangled by a real, live, ferocious beast—and at the critical moment, when our nerves were strung to the highest tension in expectation of witnessing a good square tussle between this rival of Colonel Finck and an imbecile old cow of a lioness, for that showily dressed man to drop his skewer and turn tail and run, made us lose all faith in humanity, and that man's cowardly and cold-blooded murder of a animal feeder more than we have ever maligned anybody since. And the future of the noble son of the trackless forest to get hold of the feeling man has taught us to look with suspicion on all reports of "deadly encounters" between menagerie men and beasts, and to regard the tearing to pieces of a fellow man with mingled feelings of horror and incredibility. We read the other day one of Forepaugh's men getting chawed up by a Philadelphia infuriated tiger or something; but we could take no interest in the yarn because we didn't credit the cleverly written story. If we *knew* that an unprincipled lion was to make mince meat out of a trainer we should go to see the fine sport, and, very likely, we should enjoy it, for anything wherein human gore is spilled amuses us like fun; and we always urge on the beast to the fight, the best of it, and her, in a most clandestine manner, the under dog in the fight. This may partly be owing to the fact that our paternal ancestor was a sausage maker, and an intimate acquaintance with his manner of slaughtering dogs and cats and things made us callous, and fond of scenes of carnage. We still haunt sausage factories and veal stores, and witness with delight and satisfaction the murder of many a domestic animal. So just now, we say, beware of these dreadful menagerie stories.....Boston for an odd piece, isn't it? Now, without wishing to detract one jot or tittle from the importance of the coming jubilee, we must say that Boston is a little too fast. At first she was contented to be known as the Hub, around which everything else must revolve. Now, she is feeling her way for another bold dash. She some years ago erected her *Globe* theatre; now she has started a Globe newspaper, and next we shall expect to hear that Boston has proclaimed herself as the great *globe itself!* We call upon all pure minded patriots to put a check rein on Boston 'ere it is too late. These things must be stopped some time, and the sooner the better.....Another old curiosity brought to light:—a lady in Connecticut somewhere, who is ninety-three years old, does its own work, and, it is piously and fondly said, has had forty-six children by her marriage, besides knitting one hundred pairs of stockings. That marriage refusal was probably the hardest work she has ever done. This old party would make a capital side show.....And talking about love and marriage, and such stuff, we will now tell or the

LOVE OF THE MINSTREL.

A fair youth passed with a careless song,
With rolling eye and quivering lip so bright,
And a soul that a maiden might joy to win
Spoke out in the glance of his dashing eye:—
"O! Love is of life more than sound the bliss,
Whether in cot or in palace hall,
And a sweeter charm's in a true love kiss
Than any pleasure that comes at all."

Singing and sighing, a maid came by,
Of the red lip so ripe that made to kiss,
And the sunny hair head as the youth drew nigh—
Father are many than she, I wis!
A ruby bright as the Hesper beam
Of ore, and purer as the Nisan's mark,
Whose shoot at the name of Love would glow
With the crimson flush of the plant Mars.

Even as her feet fell the minstrel gay,
"My song is sung and my search is o'er,
For my heart must rest on her nameless pain—
A pain that is never felt before."

She raised her eyes till they met his own,
And a word was the only word she said,
Fell upon his bosom, like rose leaf rain,
Who followed at last her drooping head.

This sort of thing is very pleasant, and some people fancy it far more than they do a savory dish of pork and beans; but for us, eh, give us the succulent pork, with its beans all crisp and brown. Love is one thing, but there is really more nourishment in the other.....A fuller can't help laughing right out in the the theatre sometimes. One night, when the pit was the headquarters of the gods, we attended a performance at the Bowery Theatre. On that occasion a new tragedian was to make his appearance in "a play of great emotion," as the programme stated, and the boys were on hand in great force to "take stock of the chap," as they vaguely expressed it. He came, and the audience gave him a sort of welcome in order to encourage him, as it were, but we thought that it rather disconcerted him, for when he began his lines he showed unmistakable marks of the novice. Suddenly, in one of his most impassioned bursts of eloquence, a young feller arose in the pit, and exclaimed, addressing the actor, "Say, old buster, who in the devil told you that you could act? Now git," and with that he shied one of his old boots at him, and this was the signal for a grand onslaught, in which the entire strength of the pit joined, and the new actor was glad to escape with his life. The pit was soon removed to the gallery after that, and the pleasantries of the boys were greatly curtailed in consequence.....Never shall we forget the intense excitement created by the deceased comedian, John Fisher, on the occasion of the first production of the romantic spectacle of "Peter Wilkins; or, the Flying Islanders." John was somewhat unaccountably cast for the part of the Mondecar pi, and at the proper time ascending privately to the upper regions in his dress of skins, the bell tingled, and poor John, attached to a stout wire, and looking like a second Caliban, was launched from the clouds into view of the audience. Somehow the wire caught just at this interesting crisis, and John was left dangling and clawing at mid air—an amusing object to a dense crowd of obstreperously laughing witnesses.

City Summary.

MRS. JOHN WOOD made her re-appearance upon the American stage at Niblo's Garden on Monday evening, March 4th, when, despite the inclement weather, she was welcomed by a large audience, who accorded her a most enthusiastic reception. Mrs. Wood's last appearance in this city prior to her departure for England was at the Olympic Theatre, on June 30th, 1866, when the bill was "Cool as a Cucumber," "A Loan of a Lover," and "Jenny Lind," she appearing in the latter two pieces only. On Monday evening the bill was a one act comedy entitled "A Model of a Wife" and John Brougham's burlesque of "Pocahontas," which had been partially re-written and re-christened "*La belle Sauvage.*" In the comedy, Mr. A. W. Young, for many years a member of the stock company at Wallack's Theatre, made his re-appearance upon the American stage after several years' absence, acting the character of Pygmalion Bonnefoi in a satisfactory manner, and meeting with a hearty reception from his friends. Mr. Julian Crosse made his American *debut* in the character of Mr. Stubbs, which he acted fairly. Miss Jennie Lee was seen to advantage in the character of Tom. Miss Annie Tyson had but little to do as Mrs. Stubbs, but evinced care and attention. Miss Emily Weston made her American *debut* in the character of Clara, which was neither tastefully costumed nor particularly well acted. The comedy is rather slow, and, as a whole, it was only passably performed, but it served the purpose intended—playing the people into the house. We cannot understand why performers who are inferior to many that can be had here are brought from England to this country. In the burlesque, Mrs. John Wood acted Pocahontas with much chic and sprightliness. She has grown somewhat thinner, and her singing voice shows the effect of hard usage, especially in the upper register. During her absence the many representations of opera bouffe and burlesque on the then-going public have been favored with have changed their tastes and dimmed the lustre of Mrs. Wood's acting. We would not infer that Mrs. Wood, as an artist, has deteriorated, but her performances contain no novelty. Mr. Harry Cox made his American *debut* in the character of Kroasacabe, hitherto always played in this country by a lady. His make-up was crude and his acting fair. During the early portion of the week he performed a dance, which met with favor, but was afterwards cut out. Mr. Mark Smith, who played Powhatan, met with a most enthusiastic reception. His acting was unctuous, highly enjoyable, and his remarkably distinct enunciation of the lines caused every joke to be fully understood without undue emphasis, as is too often the case in representations of burlesque. His singing deserves especial commendation, and he may be said to have fully divided the honors with the star. A. W. Young was quite successful in his impersonation of the fat Dutchman, Count Rolff. G. W. Anson, who made his American *debut* in the character of Captain John Smith, cannot conscientiously be said to have achieved success. The representative of that character should be a tenor vocalist of merit, as much of the music of the *role*, rather than the acting, does success depend. Mr. Anson has a baritone voice, and the effect produced may be likened unto the performance of an opera with a baritone singing the tenor *role*, with the music transposed to suit his voice. In the acting he was more successful and merits a fair meed of praise. He was elegantly and richly costumed, but his general make-up, save his wig, was excellent. To those who remember the performances of the late Charles Walcot or James Dunn in that *role* further comment is unnecessary. The burlesque is almost entirely in the hands of the persons above referred to, and we need only add that the minor characters were carefully and attentively performed. All the costumes were rich and elegant, and the new scenery, painted expressly for the burlesque, was in good taste. Many changes had been made in the music, which, we think, were not for the better, as they consisted of selections from Offenbach and music hall songs, long since made very familiar to our public. The introduction of a *Can-can* at the close of the first act, in which some vulgar movements were introduced, failed to give satisfaction, and after a night or two the objectionable features were dispensed with. The trombone accompaniment, while Mr. Anson is pretending to play a soto upon a toy violin placed behind his back, which is turned to the audience, ought to have been omitted. The musical performances, with the exception of those of Mr. Mark Smith and Mrs. Wood, were not up to the mark, the quartets and concerted pieces lacking harmony and precision in time. The text of the burlesque was but slightly altered, some interpolations having been made that were not particularly fresh or brilliant. As a whole, the performance may be pronounced only ordinarily fair. The attendance was large during the week. On Monday evening Mrs. Wood was summoned before the curtain, and in a brief speech returned her thanks to the audience for the kind manner in which they had received her and referred to the time when, unknown in her profession, she went to America, where she received the encouragement to which she felt her professional success was due.

AT THE NEW YORK AQUARIUM the spectacle of "Cinderella" continues the chief novelty, and apparently gives much satisfaction to the juvenile portion of the audiences. The little children who perform the various characters are now easy and graceful. The equestrian acts of Charley Fish and Mlle. Rolland are salient features, and the witticisms of Julian Kent keep the audiences in the best of humor.

THE "WEST POINT HAZERS," the "Millers" and "Acting in the Country" were the chief features of the programme during the past week at the San Francisco Minstrels, and attracted a fair attendance. Billy Birch and Charley Backus were full of mirth. Wambold's tenor voice was heard to excellent advantage in the ballad entitled "My Little One's Waiting for Me," and W. H. Bernard, with stately dignity, presided as interlocutor.

NO CHANGE was found necessary at the Theatre Comique during the past week, all the favorites of the previous week having been retained. The three Worrell sisters and Miss Lillie Hall, supported by the principal members of the company, continued their performances in the burlesque of "Ixion." The serio-comic singing was in the hands of the Misses Jennie Hughes and Ada Wray, and the programme was filled out with the excellent juggling feats of Signor Francis; the Dutch songs of Larry Tooley; the jig dancing of Kitty O'Neil, and sketches by John Hart, Charley White, John Wild, Josh Hart and others. This evening, March 11th, Miss Jennie Benson and *la petite* Benson are announced to re-appear.

AT THE OLYMPIC THEATRE "Humpty Dumpty" attracted a very good attendance during the week just closed. Kynock and Smith in their skating feats have become favorites; the acrobatic and gymnastic performances of the Wilson brothers were much applauded; the vocal efforts of the Martens family continue very attractive, and the performances of G. L. Fox, the clown, are, of course, the central attraction around which the others revolve. Some changes are shortly to be made in the *ballets*, which will give an air of freshness to the performances.

AT BUTANT'S MINSTRELS, in the sketch of "All's Well that Ends Well," some excellent part singing, by the principal members of the company, was heard in "Down de Ribber," "Redne my Friends" and the "Old Folks at Home." The balance of the programme is made up of familiar acts, in which Dan Bryant, Neloe Seymour, Dave Reed and J. W. McAndrews were seen to advantage. The attendance was fair.

HARRY BOWDITCH, business manager, is at present idle in this city and may be addressed in care of this office.

THE COLD WEATHER during the early part of the past week had a tendency to diminish the attendance at all our places of amusement.

THE PIJAN CANNIBALS, four in number, who are said to have been imported to this country by P. T. Barnum, made their first appearance in public at Wood's Museum, on Monday, March 4th, when both at the *matinee* and in the evening they were introduced to the audiences by Mr. Barnum in person. The troupe consists of one female and three males; one of the latter being a dwarf. The males appear during their performances in a nude state, while the female is clad in a high neck dress made of dark colored prints and in American fashion. That portion of their performances which we saw did not impress us as being either strikingly novel or effective. The dwarf produced a few monotonous sounds upon a piece of bamboo which the gentleman who announced and described their performances gave us pleased to term a flute, remarking that it was stopped up at both ends, having several vent holes in its side, and that the music was produced by the dwarf injecting air therein through his nostrils. The three males then performed a war dance, during which, in pantomimic action, they show the manner of fighting their enemies with long spears, after which, to the accompaniment of drum-like sounds, produced by the female striking upon two pieces of bamboo with sticks, they illustrated their mode of fighting with clubs. Save that their faces were inartistically smeared with paints, there was nothing particularly repulsive in their countenances, yet their general appearance was not pleasing. The dramatic portion of the evening's performances consisted of the farce in two acts, styled "A Bull in a China Shop," which was fairly acted, Messrs. T. W. Keene as Bagshot, W. J. Fleming as Brownjohn, Harry Stewart as Plitter, J. J. Wallace as Tiptheorpe, and Miss Alice Atherton as Susan, being deserving of commendation. The burlesque of "Luna; or, The Naughty Little Boy Who Cried for the Moon," concluded the performances. It was well placed upon the stage, liberally interspersed with pleasing music, and the costumes were rich and elegant. The Misses Belle Howitt and Pauline Markham appeared to much advantage in the respective characters of Endymion and Diana, and received liberal applause. Rollin Howard, as Clymene, indulged in an *outre* make up, and in the impersonation of that *role* evinced the possession of considerable dramatic ability, whilst his vocal efforts were received with favor by the audience. His singing of "Way Down upon the Swanee River," in imitation of Nilsson, being loudly redemanded. A. H. Sheldon, who is a great favorite with the patrons of that theatre, was frequently enthusiastically applauded. Harry Stewart deserves credit, both for his singing and acting. Miss Therese Wood was satisfactory as Alpheus, and her dancing was a feature. Miss Jennie Arnot looked charmingly, and acted Cupid with much *naivete*. J. A. Meade, as Pan, a satyr, was most artistically made up and acted that character excellently well. A. J. Debonay, Charles Sturges and R. Willard, as the attendant satyrs, deserve creditable mention. The other female characters were entrusted to the Misses Alice Atherton, Nellie Lewis, Jennie Satterlee, Marion Holcomb and Annie Page. Little was demanded of them, but they exhibited care and attention. At the usual *matinee* performances, save Saturday, a drama entitled a "Woman of the World" and the performances of the cannibals constituted the attractions. The business of the week, save on the cold evenings, was excellent.

"MARIANA" continues the attraction at the St. James Theatre, and will probably hold possession of the stage until the close of the season, on or about April 1st.

THE SYRACUSE ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY, with Mlle. Nilsson, commenced a series of farewell performances at the Academy of Music on March 4th.

THE "BLACK CROOK" BALLET GIRLS, who had caused three original indictments to be found against Mrs. Van Tassell, the landlady of the House in bond street from which they were ejected late at night, have found their position untenable, and on March 4th, in the Court of General Sessions, the assistant district attorney entered a *nolle prosequi* in those cases, and that lady was discharged from further custody.

THE LATEST PERFORMANCES of "Divorce" are announced at the Fifth Avenue Theatre as follows:—This evening, March 11th, with the original cast, for the benefit of James Lewis, the popular comedian. On the 13th, for the benefit of Mrs. G. H. Gilbert, an excellent impersonator of elderly ladies, and on the 18th it will be performed for the 200th and last time. Then a brief comedy season will be inaugurated, after which a drama which has created a sensation in Paris, France, is announced to be produced.

AT WALLACK'S THEATRE the "Veteran," with its Oriental scenery, rich costumes and excellent acting, continued to attract good sized audiences during the week. A *matinee* performance was given on March 9th, and it is announced for continued production.

"BUFFALO BILL" was the chief attraction at the Bowery Theatre during the week just closed. Kynock and Smith, the skating feats have become favorites; the acrobatic and gymnastic performances of the Wilson brothers were much applauded; the vocal efforts of the Martens family continue very attractive, and the performances of G. L. Fox, the clown, are, of course, the central attraction around which the others revolve. Some changes are shortly to be made in the *ballets*, which will give an air of freshness to the performances.

ORVILLE FITCHER, McIntyre and Foley, all Ethiopian performers, were the additions to the company at Tony Pastor's on March 4th. Orville Fitcher is one of the best performers in his line that we have seen for a long time, his banjo solo eliciting an enthusiastic *encore*, in response to which he gave a song and dance, which met with much approbation, and on being recalled he favored the audience with a stump speech abounding in wit and humor, which was characteristically delivered in an easy and *sucre* manner. McIntyre and Foley performed songs and dances, combined with acrobatic feats, which pleased the audience so well that they were nightly recalled some four or five times. We recently reviewed their performances when they were playing at the Theatre Comique. Tony Pastor's comic songs were received with the usual amount of favor, and Kitty Ashcroft's songs, Johnny Queen's clog dance, Sam Devere's Dutch impersonations, sketches by Frank Kerns, Frank Girard and other members of the company, and a local sketch, by John F. Poole, called "Six Nights in the Bowery," made out the programme.

W. W. DURAND, the well known and popular agent of Haight & Co's Empire City Circus during the past season, was in the city during the past week. He accompanies Haight & Co's new organization the coming season.

"LALLA ROOKH," a spectacular drama from the pen of Joseph C. Foster, a veteran manager, is to be produced at the Grand Opera House on March 18th, for the first time on any stage. It is anticipated that the costumes, scenevies, banners and appointments will surpass anything hitherto presented.

AT THE THIRTY-FOURTH STREET THEATRE a fair business has been done during the past week. Among the chief features of attraction we may mention the songs and dances of Miss Allie Drayton; the dancing and classical statues of Miles. Ronzati and Berretta, and the performances upon the aerial wire by the former; the singing of ballads by the Misses Ione Lane and Frankie Dell, and sketches by Lew Rattler, James Quinn, Hughey Haggerty and others.

"JULIUS SNEEZER" is the title of a new and original burlesque that has been written expressly for Dan Bryant by John F. Poole. It is to be produced at Bryant's Opera on March 18th, with new scenery and appointments prepared expressly therefor. Dan Bryant will act the characters of Cassius and Mark Antony; Neloe Seymour will perform Brutus, and Monroe Dempster, Julius Sneezer. Much fun is anticipated.

LEVI J. NORTH, a veteran equestrian, is to take a benefit at the New York Circus on March 15th, on which occasion he will ride a personation act, making his first appearance in this city during many years. A large number of performers have volunteered their services, and we trust that the attendance may be large, as the beneficiary is very deserving of such a tribute. John Henry Cook, the celebrated rider; James Melville and sons; P. T. Barnum, who will deliver an address at the *matinee* performance; M'lle Marie Elise and Lucy Watson, *equestriennes;* Burnell Runnells, and Prof. Magner, who has a new method for breaking horses, are among the volunteers.

A SACRED CONCERT was given at the Union Square Theatre on Sunday evening, March 10th, by Dodworth's Band, Madame Salvotti, Miss Antonia Henne, soloists; B. Bohrig, cornet, and Carlo Patti, violin. The programme consisted of selections from the operas and other music of a secular and sacred character. A complete change takes place in the bill of fare at this house this week, Geo. Atkins, Minnie Jackson, Annie Wood, and the gymnasts, the Le Clair Brothers, being added to the company, the three former artists appearing in "A Quiet Family" and a new local extravaganza, entitled "The Court of Common Split Peas; or, Will the Band Begin to Play," will be produced. On the 14th the burlesque of "Ernani" is to be produced. The Lauris will amuse with the pantomime "Tit for Tat," and Hughey Dougherty, Gus Williams and Master Barney will appear in their specialties. E. D. Davies, ventriloquist, closed on the 9th.

COL. T. A. BROWN, dramatic agent, 718 Broadway, is prepared to negotiate engagements for Johanna Pritchard, comedienne, for the next fall and winter season; Miss Locke, who has purchased the right of a new play, entitled "Brom-Bones; or, The Headless Horseman," from Chas. Gayler; and the Alexander Brothers, gymnasts. For particulars see the advertisements.

JOHN O'BRIEN, the well known circus and menagerie proprietor, was in the city during the past week, awaiting the arrival of several cages of animals for his menagaria, and curiosities for his museum.

D. H. HARKINS, the popular actor and stage manager of the Fifth Avenue Theatre, is to receive a benefit on Monday evening, March 18th, on which occasion "Divorce" will be acted for the 200th and last time, and he presented with the original cast, Mr. Harkins acting Alfred Adriance.

HARRY CUNNINGHAM, dramatic agent, 636 Broadway, states that Chas. T. Parsloe and his pupil, Little Smith, in their specialty, "Out at Sea;" Kate Raymond, who plays in "Wallis of New York;" Billy Pastor, vocalist, and his cards in another column.

P. T. BARNUM'S MUSEUM, CIRCUS AND MENAGERIE will be exhibited at the Rink, corner of Sixty-third street and Third avenue, for a brief season, prior to starting out on a traveling tour.

Dramatic.

THEATRICAL AFFAIRS in Chicago, Ill., are thus written about by our correspondent under date of March 7th:—"John E. McDonough opened at the Globe Theatre on March 4th, appearing in the title *role* of Brougham's sensational play entitled 'John Garth.' The house was moderately filled and thus far the attendance has been encouragingly good. As the play, it is throughout interesting, the succession of incidents are so ingeniously woven together that the interest never flags. It is finely mounted, the scene in the first act being particularly noticeable for its splendor. The cast in some respects is strong, while in others it is deficient. Mr. McDonough's personation of John Garth was not entirely satisfactory. Miss Blanche De Bar's portrayal of Hester Deerham is a thoroughly finished piece of acting; her costuming being in perfect accord her elocution is faultless. Mrs. Stoneall has but little to do in the *role* of Mere Charmaranthe, but that little is done well. M. V. Lingham's conception, make-up and general acting of Paul Barretti is one of his best efforts. Mr. Howard as Antonio Barretti, Mr. Gross as Gregory Deerham, and Miss Burt as Minnie Garth, are each interpersonations. The same bill will continue to hold the boards another week.....Oliver Doud Byron commenced a two weeks' engagement at the Academy of Music March 4th, and appeared as Joe Ferris in his sensation play 'Across the Continent.' Full houses have greeted him every night thus far, and taking the interest manifested by the audiences in the play as a criterion, his engagement will terminate successfully. Mr. Byron's personation of the hero is marked by some acting of a high order. His support is all that could be wished. J. B. Everham is especially deserving of praise for his excellent rendition of Cæsar Augustus; H. C. Daly is likewise excellent as John O'Dwyer; Mrs. Myers enacts Lenise Goodwin in her usual pleasing and faultless style, and Miss Jessie Rogers has made an excellent impression by her personation of Dolores, an Italian street Arab. Sophia is very neatly personated by Edith Blande, who accentes a fancy dance very gracefully. The mounting of the piece reflects credit upon the management, and R. H. Farren, scenic artist."

THE "BLACK CROOK" still draws well at the Trimble Opera House, Memphis, N. Y. Our correspondent, writing on March 9th, says:—"No extra attractions have been brought forward although a change has taken place in the cast. Miss St. Clair having been withdrawn, Miss Amelia Waugh appeared as Stalacta. Her acting of the part was very successful and, enhanced by the exquisite dresses she wore, called forth prolonged rounds of applause. Her singing was also good. R. V. Ferguson now fills the *role* of Dragonin. Willes Lupo, Ricci and Bertha are to be received. The Brown Brothers and their dogs, Lozado, etc., are retained. On the 11th several novelties will be introduced, among which are Herr Willio and the wonderful frog.....Miss Clara Norris and John S. Norton have held forth at the Capitol Theatre the past week and to light houses. They appeared in a play written expressly for Miss Norris by J. W. Watson, Esq., entitled 'Blanche Vavasour; or, The Fate of Blood.' The play itself is very good and in the hands of Miss Norris would be successful. Miss Norris at the most is but an amateur, and in the character of Blanche displays no talents above those of many walking ladies. Mr. Norton as Warren Eyrie was excellent. Frank Foster appeared as Pierre Villarette. His performance of the faint hearted lover was heartily enjoyed by the audience. Phillip Vavasour was entrusted to Mr. Fisher, of whom the least said the better. The Dr. Pilkins of F. Scalian was below mediocrity. Mr. E. J. Meade's M. De Beaubille was good. Miss Charlene Weidman's performance of the part of Leonie Eyre was natural and effective. The other characters were taken by Messrs. E. J. Packard, Stephens and Cavanaugh, and the Misses McKee, Howard, De Rhona and Lee. On the 7th and 8th the three act drama of the 'Cavalier' prefaced 'Blanche Vavasour.' In this play Walter Keeble sustained the part of Captain Hargrave in his usual fine manner; Mr. Foster that of Maynard, a friend. Mr. Fisher, as Beauchamp, was fair. Miss Weidman's rendition of Mrs. Hargrave was given in her felicitous manner. Miss Lee was quite pleasing as Mrs. Maynard. The other members of the company did well. To-night the 'Slave' and 'Blanche Vavasour' composed the bill. On March 11th Miss Augusta L. Dargon, a great favorite in this city, will make her first appearance in this city in two years, as Camille. Tony Denier, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is again able to be about."

EDWIN FORREST appeared at Welting Opera House, Syracuse, N. Y., March 4th in "Richelieu," 5th in "Virginius" and the 6th in "King Lear," under the management of the Meech Bros., of Buffalo Academy of Music, and supported by an excellent company from their theatre. Our correspondent, writing on March 9th, says:—"On Monday evening the house was crowded, but the intense cold somewhat affected the attendance on Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Forrest gives the same masterly renditions of his characters as in times past; Miss Gertrude Kellogg in the leading female *roles* was excellent, and met with due appreciation from the audience. Miss Connie Thompson also did well, and shows evidence of careful study and rapid improvement since her last appearance here. Mr. Frank Mordaunt, as leading man, is a great favorite in this city. His performances are always characterized by good taste, fine elocution and dignified reading. He was the recipient of quite an ovation on his first appearance Monday night. His rendition of Edgar in 'King Lear' was an excellent performance. The Meech Brothers' company would be incomplete without jolly good old Ben Rogers, one of the finest comedians on the American stage, and who always meets with a hearty welcome from a Syracuse audience, and he certainly came in for his share this season. Mr. J. A. Hodges did well, and deserves creditable mention.....Sothern, as Lord Dundreary, is announced to appear at Welting Opera House, March 13th, under the management of J. T. Ford."

JOHNNY THOMPSON, supported by a dramatic company, as billed to play at Washington, D. C., March 11th and 13th.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., our regular correspondent writes:—"Sir Toby," reports amusements as follows, writing under date of Feb. 29th:—"The surface of theatricals this week was not rippled by any startling event. The production of 'Bagshot Abroad' has been put forward as a novelty at the Metropolitan Theatre, but, so far, it has fallen very flat upon light audiences, and its intrinsic merit's are so visionary that it is hardly deserving of notice. It is a four act farce, as destitute of motive as it is of wit. The characters are idiots with one to the end, completely attained, of making themselves a mystery and an annoyance to everybody with whom they come in contact, and as everybody they come in contact with are idiots, the result might be imagined but not described. It is sufficient to know an interminable jumble ensues, which, for reasons not strikingly obvious, reaches a climax with the following sensational scene:—A flashy dressed ruffian opens a drawbridge on a railroad for the purpose of precipitating an approaching train in the river below. A girl, who plays the *role* of detective upon the flashy dressed ruffian, replaces the draw, and, to preserve her own life, hangs from the bridge by her hands while the train passes safely over. The piece was well mounted, the bridge scene in particular being a triumph of stage effect. On March 1st, the Bianchi opera troupe occupy the theatre for a single night with 'La Traviata.' On March 4th, the 'Winning Hand,' a new play by a local author will be produced, and on the 11th, Mr. Robert Craig, the very clever Philadelphia comedian, will open an engagement, which ought to prove a success. Lotta and Maggie Mitchell are announced to follow as star attractions.....At the California, familiar plays are being well acted to fair audiences. The arrangement of the programme for the week is 'Under the Gaslight' Feb. 26 h and 27th; 'Lottery of Life,' Feb. 28th, 29th, and *matinee*, March 2d; 'Colleen Bawn,' March 1st and 2d. The oasis include Edwards, Wheatleigh, Mestayer, Marlowe, Buckley, Williamson, Vivian, Sophie Edwin, Rose Evans, Ellis Wilton, May Howard, Mrs. Judah and Mrs. Saunders.....Frank B. Cilley, formerly business manager of the California and late of the Varieties, New Orleans, is in town convalescing from an illness brought about by exposure in a forty-one days' trip amid the snows on the overland railroad. Mr. Cilley contemplates an early visit to India upon professional business."

MRS. JAMES A. OATES and her company are announced to play the present week at Charleston, S. C.; Wilmington, N. C., 18th, 19th and 20th, and Raleigh, 21st, 22d and 23d.

MRS. D. P. BOWERS, J. C. McCollum and a dramatic company, are billed to perform at Scranton, Pa., March 13th and 14th.

FROM PITTSBURGH, PA., our correspondent, writing on March 8th, says:—"'Bertha, the sewing Machine Girl; or, Death at the Wheel,' was put on the stage at the Fifth Avenue Opera House on March 4th, and has been running all the week to audiences composed largely of ladies. The characters are generally well enacted, and the play is presented with a due regard to scenery, mechanical effects and properties. 'Bertha' will be reproduced all of next week. On the afternoon of the 7th inst. Manager Beamer's company gave a performance at Pittmont Park, the proceeds of which went to the Orphan Institution. The six 'Post Boy' and 'Robert Macaire' were presented, to the great delight of the audience.....Mrs. F. S. Chanfrau appeared as Lady Isabel and Fernande Moulton in the play of 'Isabel's Expiation' at the Pittsburgh Opera House on March 4th, and the same bill was repeated on the 6th, 6th and 7th inst. The play is a new and interesting version of 'Ten Nights in a Bar Room,' and affords admirable opportunities for the exercise of her histrionic attainments. The co-operation of the stock company was unusually effective, Miss Nellie Johnson, Mr. Gotthold and Mr. Dean deserving especial praise for the acting of their respective parts. The attendance has been limited, owing in a great measure to the Lenten season and unfavorable weather. 'Christie Johnstone; or, Out of the Depths,' will be produced on the 8th inst., Mrs. Chanfrau's benefit. This lady remains with us next week, and 'Bamfod's Benefit.'"

MR. AND MRS. D. E. BANDMANN opened at the Mobile, Ala., Theatre March 4th, for one week. Our correspondent, writing on March 6th, says:—"On Monday

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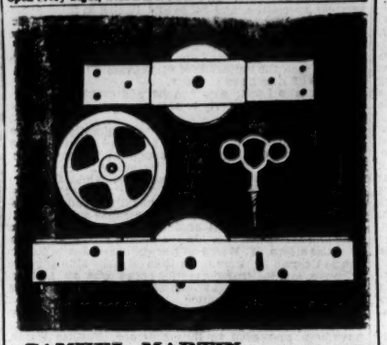

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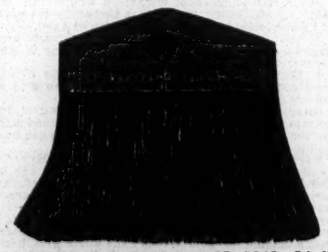

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